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More Pastors Will Join In June Offering

Several days ago the director of the Now Club mailed a letter to all Mississippi Baptist pastors, stating it would be very helpful for us to know exactly what the churches expected to do regarding participation in "debt-paying" offering in June.

First, this information is needed that the office may know when the last bonds may be called.

Second, such information, if inspiring, would help other pastors and churches of the state.

Last week on page 9 of The Baptist Record the response was given as received from over 100 churches and pastors. Several additional responses have come in as follows:

Association, pastor and church:

Wayne—Rev. J. I. Hill, County Line.

Rankin—Rev. L. G. Sansing, Pelahatchie.

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Pike—Rev. Robert Hughes, Navilla.

Choctaw—Rev. Earl Brooks, Weir.

Attala—Rev. Earl Brooks, McCool.

Marion—Rev. H. D. Jordan, Bunker Hill.

Lauderdale—Rev. W. L. Grafton, Mt. Gilead.

Covington—Rev. Mack Jones, Collins Baptist Church.

Covington—Rev. Mack Jones, Union Jr.

Covington—Rev. Mack Jones, Mt. Horeb.

Panola—Rev. J. W. Lee, Batesville.

Thus far the response has been generous, yet, 1400 churches remain to be heard from.

We must "Go Up" together, or we will "Go Down" together.

A. L. GOODRICH,

Publicity Director,

June Debt-Paying Campaign.

P. S. The above list completes the responses as of April 29. If any pastor returned the form card enclosed to him, and the name is not in the list this week or last, it means the card has not been received at this office.

The New and Critical Sunday School Situation

By E. P. Alldredge, Secretary
Department of Survey, Statistics and
Information, Baptist Sunday School
Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Editor A. L. Goodrich, of The Baptist Record of Jackson, Mississippi, has sent me a clipping from a recent issue of the Protestant Voice, lamenting the present critical and declining Sunday school situation.

Some Serious Misunderstandings

The Protestant Voice is laboring under some serious misunderstandings about the Sunday school situation in general and within certain denominations in particular. For example, the Protestant Voice notes the sharp decline in the Sunday school

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT The Holy Spirit

By H. L. RHODES

Ackerman, Miss.

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "The Eternal Security of Christians."—Editor.)



H. L. RHODES

We believe "That in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost or Spirit; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption." From childhood we have been taught that God the Father is the creator of the universe, and so has priority rights. We have also been taught that Jesus the Son of God was born in the flesh and lived as other men, though with-

out sin, and died for the redemption of all mankind; but it seems to me there is a vagueness in minds of most Christians as to their conception of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said to His sorrowing disciples: "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment." Jesus could not remain in the world forever, He had other work to do. He said: "I go to prepare a place for you." The Holy Spirit came to earth on the day of Pentecost and has remained here ever since. He came with great power and demonstration, proceeding at once to the task assigned to Him. The Holy Spirit abides with the Christians, doing all that was said of Him. It ought to be a great comfort to God's people to have the privilege of such close and intimate relations with Him.

The Holy Spirit is here to teach, enliven, refresh the memory, interpret. The apostles were dull of comprehension, but when the Spirit came, overshadowed them, and filled them, they understood perfectly what Jesus had taught them. With the abiding presence of the Spirit they were able

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LAYMEN OFFER TEN-STAR PROGRAM IN "BACK TO GOD THROUGH HIS CHURCH"

The slogan, "Fill every seat in every church every Sunday" was adopted by the laymen interested in a movement to a great effectiveness in their churches in Tupelo in which ministers of the various churches cooperated to make the "ten Sundays" outstanding in the experience of the entire community. According to the laymen, "If we can go over the top in war relief, Red Cross and other things, then we can go over the top for the Lord." An organization was set up with chairman, vice chairman and secretary along with a laymen's committee from the churches of the town. Visits were made early one morning to all business houses by the laymen, who explained to the employer and employees the idea of the "ten Sunday" program and distributed badges to indicate participation of individuals, and later visits were made to all homes. Publicity was bought in the local paper, and letters and church bulletins featured the plan. Visiting in personal groups was stressed as

the most effective of all the endeavors of the committee. Cost to the churches was nominal, and increased attendance was noted by actual counts compiled by committees, and according to J. M. Thomas, Jr., secretary of the laymen's committee, attendance at some churches increased 50%, and the general increase will possibly be 33 1/3%, in the mornings, with growing congregations at night also.

Other churches in the state have been using this same plan and modified versions of it, led by the laymen in the communities.

AMONG PRISONERS OF WAR

Beginning soon The Baptist Record will publish a thrilling series of articles about our Prisoner of War Camps. The author of the articles is Dr. Wm. B. Lippard, editor of Missions, Northern Baptist Magazine.

Watch for later announcements.

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:

Two years ago in San Antonio, Texas, you elected me president of the Southern Baptist Convention. For this honor I was at that time and still am grateful. As we approach the coming session of the Convention—the first since the San Antonio meeting—I am mindful of the unprecedented seriousness of the hour, and of our increasing responsibility to prepare our great constituency for the political and spiritual emergencies which will demand our best to the far ends of the earth.

I anticipate our gathering in Atlanta with optimistic faith in our purpose and with humble gratitude for the privileges of having served with you during these past eventful months. Travel limitations placed upon us by reason of the war prevented my answering many calls that otherwise would have made possible closer contact with my brethren in the different states of the Convention. In spite of this situation I have felt during the two years that we were in widely separated localities working together. We have not lowered the flag of service. We have been marching triumphantly onward, shaking off the shackles of debt and looking toward a new and better day.

I thank my friends of the Convention for the confidence and comradeship of the past months, and pledge now my support and cooperation to the one who will be chosen in Atlanta to take up the torch when officers are elected for the coming year. To be president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two years is honor enough for any man!

Yours in cooperative service,

PAT M. NEFF.

God Did It HE SAVED ENGLAND IN 1940

"Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas my master! what shall we do?"

"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

"And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

"And the King of Israel said unto

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Sparks & Splinters

Indianapolis, Ind.—To counteract "spiritual depression" in the churches, the Indianapolis Baptist Association is calling for a "Year of Prayer," starting May 1, among the 14,000 Baptists in or near Indianapolis.

Every dollar you contribute to the Baptist Orphanage will help build strong characters in the many boys and girls who make their home in this institution. Invest your dollars in children. Childpower today will be manpower tomorrow.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. Lem Sales, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. Happy White, Summit; Rev. B. E. Phillips, Newhebron; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Pelahatchie; Rev. M. E. Haddon, Leakesville; Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Howard, Water Valley; Warren Tynes, Clinton; Mrs. L. V. Young, Clinton; Mrs. Dennie Herdman, Clinton; Rev. Theo Whitfield, Pocahontas; Rev. Ivan Lowry, Bucatunna; Rev. Lewis Rhodes, Norfield, and Rev. R. L. Lee, Clinton.

The friends of Cary T. Vinzant, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sandersville, Ga., will rejoice to know that the work there is in good shape. Offerings for 1943 were: current expenses \$6,556.45; pastorum fund \$2,359.75; and missions \$4,317.84, making a total of \$13,234.04. (Editor's note: Our Mississippians in other states have a habit of making good.)

The Harpersville church reports good attendance at all the services with an increase in offerings. Plans are being made for Vacation Bible school in June.

Mississippians will rejoice in the success of Merrill D. Moore, a native of this state, who is now serving at Immanuel church in Nashville. He will soon celebrate his twentieth anniversary as a minister. He was born at Senatobia, attended school in Clarksdale and Meridian, and was ordained at Tupelo. He finished at Mississippi College and at the Southern Seminary in Louisville. He married Miss Lorena Smith of Sidon, and they have an 11-year-old son, Merrill, Jr.

Hermanville: The revival meeting began at our church on April 30. Rev. J. J. Burson of Shelby is our guest speaker. We urge all of our members to be present at every service. We request the prayers of all Christians for a great revival.—B. E. Padgett, pastor.

WANTED: Good used straight church pews for Mission Chapel. Call or write D. L. Sturgis, Tunica, Miss.

Dr. J. A. Taylor, Brookhaven, writes as follows: "I have had it in my heart for some time to congratulate you on the paper you are getting out. Dr. Cox's articles are superb, and Dr. Carver is always inspiring. Others are equally as good." (Editor's note: We agree with the writer that the content of The Baptist Record is good for we are blessed with good writers. This does not refer to the editor's articles.)

The Moselle Baptists have written for 150 Now Club envelopes for use in their special June offering, and Pastor Paul Z. Ball is anticipating their excellent cooperation over and above what they have done previously. Moselle likes to be a "second mile" church.

We grow only when we are thoughtful. We live only when we serve. We are compensated in a permanent way only when we do something worthwhile for somebody else. Remember the children of the Baptist Orphanage by making a liberal cash offering on Mother's Day.

Attention is called to the present series of ads by the Health Spot Shoe Store manager now running in The Baptist Record. He urges the readers to drop in for free x-ray consultation.

Twenty-nine new members have been added to First Church, Corinth, during the last four Sundays. There were 22 by letter; 3 by statement; and 4 for baptism.

Corinth: We have just purchased a half block of very valuable property in a choice location of the city for a new building to be erected immediately after the war. An intensive campaign to raise \$20,000 for the new building before the end of the current year has been launched.—Mary Lou Dunn, Educational Sec'y.

V. Ward Barr, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Corinth, is giving a series of studies from the book of Isaiah at the regular mid-week prayer service.

Corinth: In one year's time a church library of 599 volumes has been built with an average weekly circulation of 30 books. A total of \$300 has been included in the 1944 budget to be invested in new books.—Mary Lou Dunn, Educational Secretary.

Photographs of several of the recent B.B.I. graduates who are Mississippians are shown on another page. We regret that cuts of all were not available. We were also unable to get cuts of the Southern and Southwestern graduates.

Dr. W. H. Knight, secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Baptist Convention recently assisted Dr. C. S. Henderson in a revival meeting of the First Baptist church of Greenville. Concerning the meeting, Dr. Knight writes, "I have just closed a very successful eight-day revival with the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Mississippi. Dr. C. S. Henderson, pastor. I thought you would like to have a word concerning my impression of the work and workers of this great church."

Pastor J. B. Smith of Hollandale is greatly encouraged over the work there. All departments are growing. There were seven additions on April 23; several new members in Sunday School and 14 new members in the Training Union. They have recently organized a younger adult union.

Living Zestfully is another worthwhile book of sixteen sermons by Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, pastor of Galloway Memorial Methodist church, Jackson, Miss. "Framed in the unobtrusive language of the people, the sermons are clear panes of glass through which men see not the preacher but the gospel. As with his others, these sermons, are as native to America as the covered wagon or the river birch—utterly free from pretentiousness or artificiality." It is published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn., and sells for \$1.50. It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

According to Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the State Department (Cordell Hull and Edward Stettinius) has refused passports to Baptist missionaries wishing to return, or go out, to South American countries, but during the same time has granted passports to 200 Catholic missionaries. And they wonder why there is a turning of the tides against the present administration!—Western Recorder.

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A glowing testimony of an employee of the Convention Board who is a Sunday school teacher whose evangelistic zeal leads to frequent baptisms from her class is inspiring. She has paid \$75 already in her efforts in helping retire the debt on Baptist colleges, and at the special offering in June will give an extra love gift of \$60. In addition to personal obligations she carries financial responsibilities at home.

Officers of the Sophomore class at Blue Mountain College for the session of 1944-45 are: President, Dorothy Smith, Carthage; vice-president, Anita Headrick, Laurel; secretary, Margaret Pritchard, Liberty; treasurer, Eddie Gunter, Sallis; Student Government representative, Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tenn.

Roger Babson, the well-known statistician, says: "Fifteen billion dollars of our annual national income goes into garbage pail in the form of liquor, narcotics, gambling, sex magazines, and other things which undermine the health and employability of our people."—Watchman-Examiner.

Watts Memorial, Pascagoula: Sunday was a great day for our whole coast section in spite of very heavy rain. Dr. J. E. Dillard was our special guest speaker in the morning hour service. With all the rain we had 400 in Sunday school. Three were added by letter.

Blue Mountain: Miss Bea Dawkins, Rosedale, is president of the Student Government Council of Blue Mountain College for the session 1944-45.

Officers of the Senior class at Blue Mountain College for the session 1944-45 are: President, Virginia Frances Lady, Truman, Ark.; vice-president, Betty Lou McNeil, Bristol, Va.; secretary, Joyce Spell, Georgetown; treasurer, Russ Baldrige, Newbern, Tenn.; Student Government representative, Elizabeth Morris, Newton.

Rev. John T. Davis of Arkansas, a B. B. I. student, has been called as associate pastor and educational director of Watts Memorial church. He and Mrs. Davis and the two young daughters will move over with us as soon as we can find a suitable place for them to live.—J. F. Brantley, pastor.

The boys and girls of a Sunday school class at Oak Grove church, Neshoba county, sent an offering of a few dollars for the Orphanage. Mrs. Fred Ethredge is the teacher. The class members are Hilda Jones, Rebecca Sansing, Peggie Hill, Sherelene Agent, Francis Sansing, Sonny Jones, David Sansing, Dwight Hill, Charles Jones, Allen Sansing and Wendell Burks.

"Mission Emphasis" week was held at Griffith Memorial church under auspices of the Training Union department as an annual event. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Enete from Brazil, and Mrs. Hendon Harris from China led in the classes. Mr. Enete added much to the inspirational hours each evening when he showed pictures of the work. The week was most successful, with 210 awards for study completed being granted.

Rev. William G. (Billy) Watson, student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will work in Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, this summer as assistant pastor and educational director. Billy was graduated from Mississippi College where he was state B. S. U. president for two years.

State Line Baptist Church has voted to give \$300 extra on the June offering special victory effort in closing out the Now Club. This church had made a pledge early in the debt-paying movement and paid for it. According to Pastor John Hill, they want to have a good share in the final victory, and set \$300 as their goal. State Line is proving their interest in all the work outside their own church in unselfish sharing with others.

In last week's Baptist Record it was stated that Rocky Springs church in Yazoo county had 9 Record readers. This was a mistake. They have 18 Record readers.

Mission Emphasis Week, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., May 8-12. Dr. W. O. Carver, professor emeritus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will bring a message each evening at 7:30. Dr. Carver needs no introduction to the Baptists of the South, as he is one of our outstanding Baptist leaders. He is one of the greatest authorities on missions today. A cordial invitation is extended to all the Baptist churches in the city to avail themselves of this rare opportunity to hear Dr. Carver.

He had been holding the receiver of the telephone to his ear for a long time without saying a word, and so his friend asked, "Can't you get your number? You've been there for ten minutes." "Oh, yes; I got my number," he responded. "I'm talking to my wife."

W. R. Storie, pastor of Itta Bena church, recently preached the dedication sermon for the Lowland Chapel Baptist Church in Leflore county. L. J. Rice is the pastor of this good church. Deacons from Itta Bena, Schlater, Sumner and Lowland Chapel assisted the pastors in the service.

Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, is in receipt of a letter of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Patterson of the Bible School Park group from New York which toured Mississippi early in the year, for courtesies extended them when one of their boys was stricken with appendicitis when in Jackson. The services rendered by the institution were deeply appreciated and the letter praised Mrs. Gilfoy and her assistants for their goodness to the "strangers within the gates."

The Crystal Springs church for the first quarter had an average Sunday school attendance of 363, and 119 at Training Union. Total gifts to Co-operative Program reached \$1,104.33 and for missions and other causes outside the local church, \$1,918.30. There were 484 people using the church envelopes. There were 18 additions, 10 of these by baptism. Pastor Joe Odle is happy in his work.

Itta Bena church had one of the greatest revivals in its history with W. L. Holcomb of Forest preaching and E. Powell Lee of Greenwood leading the singing. There were 17 additions—14 by baptism and 3 by letter. A luncheon was given on Monday during the meeting to the Delta pastors in honor of the fifth anniversary of the pastor, W. R. Storie. Later Hyman Appelman spoke to one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the church. The Jews as well as Gentiles from Itta Bena and neighboring towns came to hear him. In the prayer service this week it was planned to have two civilians in prayer meeting every week for each man the church has serving our country.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

I
Despite floods of rain, epidemics, and a shorter meeting than they are accustomed to conducting, Picayune Baptists claimed the blessings of the Lord. Large prayer meetings had been held. Pastor Estes, his family, and church family are some of the earth's great so far as we are concerned. The school, mill, and clubs were cooperative. God gave them twenty additions, thirteen for baptism. Others asked for prayer who will be won. Brother Compere, Meridian, helped with the singing. It was good. They drove us through the Bogalusa and Franklinton area and we saw full-time country churches, nice church houses, and pastors' homes. This is somewhat the result of the work of their God's Storehouse and Stewardship man.

Other dates: At Meridian, Mrs. Beasley, W. M. U. Association superintendent, gave us opportunity to present "Missions" to a fine group of Baptist ladies.

At Carriere, Professor Powell let us have plenty of time with the boys and girls. A large number asked for prayer.

The meeting of the Pearl River Association was excellent. Those on program were: O. P. Estes, S. P. Powell, Morrell Lee, Mrs. Jesse Megehee, B. C. Cox, Mrs. Willis Boatner, W. L. Compere, D. W. Nix, E. F. Haight, your secretary and others

II
Coast Baptists staged meetings that had the elements of a revival. Several ministers were brought in. Much newspaper space was purchased to tell the world who and what Baptists are and do. We were happy to be at the great Saturday night fellowship hour bringing a message on "Mississippi Baptist Life." Later we were happy to speak to a soldiers, sailors, etc., group. Four persons asked for prayer stating they were lost.

The Pearl River Sunday School Association met at Poplarville, Mr. Willis Boatner, superintendent. Despite rains a good company assembled. We sat in the conference led by B. C. Cox, prominent layman. It was helpful. Then, we were privileged to speak on "The Study of the Bible."

Leaders in this Association were very considerate in helping us make many contacts during our stay at Picayune.

III
We have heard it said that "Folks are queer. That is, all except you and me." We almost believe it sometimes. We worry about getting folks to move toward Christ! Occasionally they start moving and we worry about whether they mean it or not!

Dr. Taylor, First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, a truly great minister of Christ, gave a testimony during our Seminary days that has stayed with us. A Presbyterian elder made a profession of faith in a Baptist revival. He was going back to the Presbyterian church. He had been a church official for twenty-seven years. Naturally it caused intense excitement among the brotherhood. They wanted to exercise priestly functions and restrain him. The wise preacher said, "Brethren, he knows more about his own condition than anyone else. I suggest he be allowed to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit as he feels His presence."

That is what we say we believe. Sometimes we act differently.
"By my Spirit saith the Lord." Zechariah 6:8.

IV
The effects from our twelve weeks' Soul-Winning Campaign are varied and many. Pastor J. P. Bush writes that true to the plan they had an extra revival at Hopewell and Sylvarena churches in Copiah county with eleven additions at Hopewell and many being drawn closer to the Lord.

The following note is self-explanatory:
"Dear Prayer Partner:

"To God's eternal glory, there were 1252 who came forward in the Clarksdale days on the twofold invitation, to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, or to transfer membership. In the 12 Mississippi weeks, there were over 6,500 such decisions.

"Pray for us, April 23 to April 30, Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida; May 1 to May 7, Latonia and Calvary Baptist Churches, Covington, Kentucky.

"God bless you.

"HYMAN APPELMAN."

We do not know the division of the 6,500 decisions as between professions of faith and transfer of memberships, but from the figures reviewed we would judge it to be about 50-50.

"DID YOU KNOW THAT—

The Bible has been recorded and can now be heard on the phonograph in the King James version?

"The American Society for the Blind has at long last completed the recording of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. In all there are 169 recordings, and it takes 84½ hours to hear the Bible read through.

"Every one of the twenty-seven libraries in the United States which have departments for the blind will receive a full set of the records, to be loaned free to the blind, for home use.

"This is a wonderful step forward in getting the Word of God to those who are afflicted with the awful tragedy of lost sight."

VI
The following is the Sunday School Workers' Covenant as advanced by the Sunday School Board:

COVENANT

Believing that the privilege of guiding people in the way of life is worthy of

my best, I covenant, as a worker in the Sunday school of my church, to—
Order my conduct in keeping with the principles of the New Testament, and seek the help of the Holy Spirit that I may be faithful and efficient in my work. (Eph. 4:1.)

Be regular and punctual in attendance; and, in case of unavoidable absence, give notice thereof as far in advance as possible. (I Cor. 4:2.)

Make thorough preparation of the lesson and for my other duties each week. (2 Tim. 2:15.)

Use the Bible with my group on Sunday morning, and help them to understand and love it. (Psalm 119:16.)

Bring an offering each Sunday. (Psalm 96:8.)

Attend the regular meetings of the officers and teachers. (Heb. 10:24, 25.)

Visit prospects frequently and make a special effort to contact absentees each week. (Acts 2:46.)

Study one book, or more, each year in the Training Course for Sunday school workers. (Prov. 15:28a.)

Co-operate wholeheartedly in the plans and activities of the school. (I Cor. 3:9.)

Be loyal to the services of the church, striving at least to attend the worship services. (Eph. 5:25b.)

Make soul-winning a major endeavor. (Prov. 11:30.)

Pray regularly for the church, the Sunday school, the officers and teachers, and for the pupils and the homes from which they come. (I Thess. 5:17.)
With the help of God, I will do my utmost to keep this covenant.

VII

Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, has 1750 people enrolled in the Adult Department alone. This department has over 300 officers and teachers. Through the invitation of Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor, and Mr. Dudley Johnson, one of the two very fine adult superintendents, we were privileged to attend and speak at their annual banquet. The attendance was inspiring—looked like an entire school to us. The spirit was unusual. They make it easy for a visitor to speak. One moment they were hilariously happy. The next minute they were dead in earnest.

Our Sunday School Conventions were excellent. Bad weather cut attendance the first of the week, yet many people came. Out-of-state helpers were excellent. Our own pastors and laymen were fine. Secretary Williams and Miss Madison were among the very best.

We drove over to be with Pastor H. B. Speights and his fine people at Silver Creek. Large congregation. They were completing a Study Course. They are also in an annex building program. The work goes on. Doxology!

The twelve weeks soul winning campaign is over. Much good was accomplished. Many people were helped.

We feel Brother Appelman could intensify his campaign by the use of church soul-winners in an organized way outside the services during the campaign. He makes an occasional remark that weakens his message. None of us is without fault at this point, however. His invitation might be shaped differently.

On the positive side Appelman magnifies prayer and the Holy Spirit as no other evangelist of our day, so far as our hearing goes. He drives himself for Christ and people in an unsurpassed manner. He fills his messages with warm Gospel truth. Such things must have moved Drs. Gates and Riddell, Laurel, in inviting him back for a future engagement. Pastor Hunter, Pastor Bowen, Pastor Franks, all general chairmen, said his ministry did them good. Brother Pierce was positive in statement as to the good effect of the meeting. Pastor Mason said the meeting there was a success. That does not mean that all see eye to eye on methods used. It means they are what we have already said of them, "spiritual princes."

If heaven and hell are realities, it is Christian to try every legitimate means and method of getting heaven into folks, and folks into heaven; hell out of folks, and keeping folks out of hell. This is by the power of Jesus. John 14 - Romans 10. Let us press on in soul winning.

B. S. U. COUNCIL ENJOYS BREAKFAST

The old and new members of the BSU Council of the Mississippi Southern College enjoyed a breakfast at a local cafe, with the out-going president, Miss Vondee Lott, in charge. Remarks were made by Rev. C. S. Moulder, student secretary, and Miss Ravae Langston, president-elect, who presented Miss Lott with a lovely gift from the council in appreciation of her faithful work. Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. J. B. George, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Pickens and Mrs. C. S. Moulder.

Members of the council present were: Vondee Lott, Ravae Langston; Mary Barron, first vice president; Joyce Moulder, second vice president; Dorcas Longley, third vice president;

Almira Miller, BTU director; Nobie Ruth Warren, secretary; Maxie Sullivan, treasurer; Iva Mae Johnson, reporter; Anita Gay Sullivan, pianist; Clementine Johnson, chorister; Ethel Sammons, YWA president; Lonette Bryant, Life Service Band president; Pauline Porter, publicity chairman; Elaine Tarver, magazine representative; Rev. Eugene Keebler, ministerial representative; Blanche Rhymes, Bible class president; Allene Nations, Fifth Avenue church representative; Nelda Trigg, First church representative, and Roselle Brister, out-going magazine representative.

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Class 5-44 of the Naval Training School for Chaplains, William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., recently graduated 18 Catholics; 3 Presbyterians; 3 Baptists; 2 Episcopalians; 2 Lutherans, and 1 Methodist.

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A WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOAL FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Every Mississippi Baptist Church
contributing through:

1. The Cooperative Program.
2. The Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full-time worker with the
Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of
one.
8. A full-time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
12. Chinese worker.
13. Associational missionaries
14. Mississippi Baptists out of debt.
15. A Sunday school, a Training
Union, a Missionary Union and a
Brotherhood in every church.
16. The Baptist Record in every home.

THE USUAL AND THE UNUSUAL

Secretary McCall reports that
during 1942 Mississippi Baptists
had 600 more baptisms than in
1941. This is usual and unusual.

War times and its high wages,
the stress of separations and other
by-products of a world at war
usually result in a decrease in
baptisms. Therefore, it is unusual
for Mississippi Baptists to report
600 more baptisms in 1942 than
in 1941.

But it is also USUAL. For Mississippi Baptists worked to that end. The major emphasis has been on men, not money, on souls not substance. Let no one think that money is not needed (even if some few churches do so act) but it has been our experience that churches that go after the lost get both souls and money.

Under our secretary's leadership the dominant note has been evangelism and so we are safe in stating that 600 more baptisms in 1942 is USUAL for evangelism was our major emphasis.

Along with this increase in

baptisms we note an increase in other phases of our work, such as Sunday schools, Training Unions, women's work, Brotherhood, and contributions.

Let's keep on doing the usual and the unusual.

THERE'S A RED LIGHT AHEAD

According to figures published by Dr. Austin Crouch, gifts through the Cooperative Program for Southwide causes for the first three months in 1943 exceeded the gifts for the corresponding period in 1942 by \$141,082.82, while designated gifts increased \$62,719.78—approximately seventy-eight thousand dollars less than the increase in Cooperative Program receipts.

Comparing the first three months in 1944 with the first three months of 1943, the Cooperative Program receipts show an increase of \$63,070.83, and designated gifts an increase of \$156,126.91, or an increase of approximately ninety-three thousand dollars more than the increase in Cooperative Program receipts. This is not a wholesome trend.—Lawson H. Cook.

"I LEFT IT WITH GOD"

In a Baptist home a child was facing an operation. The doctor had said it must be. The physician called into consultation had agreed that it was necessary. The parents were willing to do what was best for the sake of their beloved child.

They prayed earnestly that they might know what to do. The mother said, "I left it with God." They allowed the day to be set for the operation. The burden of their prayers was all the time that God would lead them to do what was best. The day before the operation the mother's heart was heavy. She felt it was not best for the child to face the knife in this case. She prayed that the doctor would know, and not operate if it were not best. She prayed with Christian friends.

The night before the operation, after the patient had been prepared and the operating room engaged, as they left the hospital to go home, they found the doctor still in the building and going out the door with them. The mother said, "Doctor, you are sure, of course, that this is the wisest thing. I am trusting my child in your hands." The doctor startled them by saying, "No, he wasn't sure." And he stated he had been greatly worried in his mind for several days about the case, and he advised them not to operate then. They carried the child home and a different course of treatment was

started which has proved beneficial. The mother said, "I went home and I came face to face with God, and I promised Him I would never doubt again that He will lead His children, if they leave it to Him."

GOD RULES

In periods of weather such as Mississippi has been experiencing of late, people are reminded who runs the world. All the plans, all the agricultural quotas, all the rural rehabilitation, and all the farm security activities must fade into the background when at last we come face to face with the realization it is "God that giveth the increase." Without God's blessing, nothing can avail through man's efforts. A few minutes of hail, and the plants in field and garden lie tattered on the ground; weeks of rain, and the fields lie unplowed and unplanted; time passes, and farmers and gardeners begin to become alarmed. Humanity is helpless in the face of the Creator's power.

Let all the people remember it is God Who rules the world. Let us order our lives with His great plan and then we may be sure He will take care of His children.

God rules!

THE EDITOR TAKES A BOW!

One of the most conservative preachers among us has written such an encouraging letter that we reproduce excerpts from its pages as follows:

"You rightfully won your contention in Washington. Some politicians say The Baptist Record is a magazine, but if it is, it is the 'newsiest' magazine I ever read. The Mississippi Baptists are moving forward so fast under their fine regime of able leaders that my only means of keeping up with them is to read The Baptist Record! I should think every Baptist family in Mississippi would want to read the Record to be an intelligent Baptist. Blessings on you and Brother McCall in your superb leadership." . . . T. W. Young, Corinth, Miss.

HARDSHIP CASES

The following dispatch was released by a large whiskey dealer in Washington:

"The thirsts of the White House, state department, and members of Congress constitute hardship cases that give them top priorities on the capital's scant liquor supply.

"A hardship case might occur when a retailer is called on to supply a number of cases of whiskey for a function given by the White House or the state department to entertain visiting delegates. Often members of Congress require large amounts of whiskey for social events."

Dr. Norman W. Cox has had printed in booklet form the messages we are publishing in the Record under the standing head: "GOD DID IT."

A great many people have bought them and mailed them to soldiers. Some churches have sent them to all their men in uniform. He has received letters from soldiers around the world thanking him for them. Those who desire the printed booklet can obtain them by ordering them from him at the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi.

Single copy 10¢; 11 copies \$1.00; orders of 50 or more 7½¢ per copy postage paid.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND EVANGELISM

Every Christian is born into the kingdom of God with the task of recruiting Christ's army firmly fixed upon him. It is a definite command of the Lord and the first impulse of every Christian. The genuine Christian ought and will be searching for the most effective means of carrying out his Lord's wishes.

Christ established His church that it might help the individual Christian live true to Him and be the medium through which His Word should be proclaimed. Among the different activities of the well organized church there is no better opportunity of proclaiming the message of salvation than the Vacation Bible school. It has all the values of the Sunday school plus the opportunity for more concentrated effort. In a two weeks' Vacation Bible school the boys and girls get as much actual Bible instruction as in several months Sunday school attendance.

Statistics have shown that a majority of those who are won to Christ have been those who have studied the Bible in the Sunday schools and that a majority of these were won during the Vacation Bible school age. These are facts that cannot be disputed or ignored. In recent years the number won to Christ during the Vacation Bible schools of the Southern Baptist Convention has steadily increased until it will compare favorably with the number won during special evangelistic campaigns.

After considering the great possibilities of the Vacation Bible school for evangelism it is hard to understand how any pastor could neglect to plan for a school in his church. Sharing as he does the church's responsibility for winning the lost, the pastor must be constantly searching for the best means of making his leadership of Christ's church effective in evangelism, which is its chief objective for existence. Perhaps no other method of evangelism has all of the qualities of a good church evangelistic program, but certainly no program is complete until it includes a Vacation Bible school. Therefore, every pastor in Mississippi ought to join our state Sunday school secretary in promoting this program in the churches. We owe it to the boys and girls of the communities and above all we owe it to the Lord.

JOHN W. COOK, Pastor,
Pontotoc, Mississippi.

And the same government recently made a leading whiskey manufacturer quit advertising that "Clear Heads Call for (brand name)."—Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

THE NEW AND CRITICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SITUATION

(Continued from Page One)

enrollment of the Protestant Episcopal Church. As a matter of plain fact, Protestant Episcopalians have never emphasized the teaching services of their churches—and have never had much Sunday schools. On the contrary, they have from the beginning placed the supreme emphasis on the worship services of their churches; and from the beginning, they have placed little emphasis and given very slight attention to the teaching services.

In this matter they have followed closely the regime of the Roman Catholic Church. As every student of Christian Missions quite well understands, this is precisely what is the matter with Romanism all over Mexico and Latin America—the people are not taught, except how to worship according to the rules of the church! It is not generally well known, but the (united) Methodist Church, ever since the union was consummated a few years since, has changed the emphases of its services—henceforth the Methodist people are to be saved and to develop redeemed and radiant lives by the worship services. Any wonder that their Sunday schools (Methodists once had the greatest Sunday schools in the nation or the world) have been going down in recent years? Not at all!

And, believe it or not, there is a certain element in Southern Baptist ranks in recent years who, forsooth, are going to save and "revitalize" the great hosts of Southern Baptists by relegating or playing down our great teaching and training programs—through the Sunday schools and Training Unions—and by gathering in our great hosts to the worship services of our churches! Well; I am for the worship services of our churches as much as any Roman Catholic, though not for the same purpose altogether. But I give my word of warning to all concerned: Such a change of our Southern Baptist program will help (1) to bring Southern Baptists into direct line with Roman Catholics and all High Church men; and (2) it will lead where Roman Catholics are now, with wonderful forms of public worship and wonderful and hopeless ignorance of the Word of God and the best ways to save a needy, broken, suffering, dying world.

Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and modern Methodists can go on emphasizing worship and neglecting the teaching and training of their people because of their overhead and fascist control of their people. Not so with those 28,000 democratic congregations of Southern Baptists now having 5,500,000 church members in them. We must teach and train, explain and expound, indoctrinate and inspire this great host or else we must see them lost in the wilderness of churchianity and helpless in the great work of world evangelization.

The War and the Sunday Schools

The Protestant Voice and all real students of our present critical Sunday school situation should surely understand, however, that there is another outstanding cause of the present Sunday school situation. Every war period in American history has brought on a sharp decline of the Sunday schools; and because this war has reached out for more of our young men and young women than any war in the history of our nation,

it has inevitably brought greater losses to all Sunday schools than any war in the history of our nation, it has inevitably brought greater losses to all Sunday schools than any war in history.

By July 3, 1944, the government hopes to have 11,300,000 men and women in the armed forces of the nation. It may be news to our people, but 471,000 of these 11,300,000 will be Southern Baptist boys and girls—actual members of our churches or members of our Baptist families. Not only so, but from extended surveys we have learned that between 75 per cent and 90 per cent of this great group of 471,000 were formerly members of Southern Baptist Sunday

schools. That means that between 333,250 and 423,000 young men and young women have gone out of our Southern Baptist Sunday schools into the armed forces. Sunday school losses are, therefore, inevitable. Our losses in 1943 were 97,951—not as great as the loss of the Methodists, but a very serious loss nevertheless. But these are not permanent losses—least of all do they indicate that the Sunday schools of the nation are on their way out. Not yet, I hope and pray!

—BR—

We recently received a nice list of names to be added to the list from Central church, McComb. This list was sent in by Pastor Fred B. Bookter.

THOUGH DEAD, HE GIVETH

After suffering six months from burns sustained last November, Troy C. Estes, deacon in the Bissell church, passed away last week. When his brother, Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes, was going through his business papers, he found a sum of money had been set aside for the Now Club. The money was forwarded to state headquarters, and represents what he meant to give over and above his first pledge. (Editor's Note: This faithful deacon is resting from his earthly labors and pain. But "though dead, he giveth" and his work lives after him, to inspire and challenge all of us.)



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Last Sunday it was my privilege to stand in the dining room at our Baptist Orphanage and see children from the age of 2 years to adolescence march in and take their places around the tables. How thankful I was to see a bountiful meal served to this group, that because of varied circumstances, they had no home or parents to feed, clothe and give them the training every child is entitled to have. To tell the truth, my heart swelled with pride, to see them so well provided for by the Baptists of Mississippi!

My mind flew back to my childhood days when I sat around a table well provided for by my parents who loved me. We are nearing Mother's Day when all of us are reminded of that mother who gave us birth—to many of us she is only a memory because she has gone on to the Great Beyond, to others she is a blessed reality. Some of us will wear a white flower, others a red one as a tribute to our love and appreciation of our mothers. Turn back now to the picture in the first paragraph and resolve to give a gift on Mother's Day to the Orphanage for the continued support of these children, in honor of your mother. What a blessing that will bring to your own life.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY April 4, 1944

There is an old, old song, which emphasizes the influence which mothers and leaders of youth have as a peculiar responsibility. The content of this hymn is in the nature of a prayer in which counselors of youth, conscious of their great need, petition the heavenly Father for the KNOWLEDGE, the SPIRIT, and the COUNSEL that they so sorely need, if they are to guide eager, alert minds into the fullness of truth. Those who foster and those who counsel need an abiding consciousness of His presence guiding and leading.

Organizations

The year that has passed has been a challenge to our interest, industry and ingenuity. We report a net loss of five organizations for the year. Many new organizations were reported BUT—many adults let the difficulties "of the times" defeat their interest, industry and ingenuity and their organizations ceased to function. The condition of the world today should be a challenge to our best in His service. We rejoice to see the increase of 16 in the Sunbeam Bands. We must give our first attention to these "little folk."

Magazines

We are encouraged that more young people are receiving missionary literature—World Comrades seeks to help our boys and girls "to girdle the world with friendliness"—The Window of Y. W. A. opens to our young women avenues of thought and action that give enlarged interest and participation in missions. The goal of 1925 subscriptions for World Comrades was exceeded by 225 subscriptions—the goal of 645 subscriptions for Window of Y. W. A. was exceeded

by 24 subscriptions. This opportunity of placing these magazines in the hands of young people.

Camps

Camp Committee

The Camp Committee of our W. M. U. Executive Board is a constant help in this phase of our work. Mrs. Webb Brame, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Bell and Mrs. G. A. Carothers compose this committee—their counsel and encouragement means much in the promotion of this work.

Record of Attendance

We had 13 periods of camping (five less than in 1942) but lacked only 92 people having as many present as in 1942. There were more churches represented in every camp last summer than the year before.

There were 1758 young people and counselors in camp. Out of 65 associations, 51 had representation at state W. M. U. camps. 152 different Baptist churches had representation in state W. M. U. camps.

The following churches had representation at ALL state camps and Ridgecrest:

Jackson First, Jackson Calvary, Meridian First.

These had representation at ALL state camps:

Griffith Memorial, Jackson, and Charleston.

These had representation at all except one state camp:

Parkway, Jackson; Canton First; Briar Hill, Belzoni, Marks; Calhoun City, Harrisburg, Tupelo; New Albany, Louisville, Bay Springs, 15th Avenue, Meridian; Highland Meridian; Poplar Springs, Meridian; 41st Avenue, Meridian, Russell, Ellisville.

We had 29 girls at Ridgecrest Y. W. A. camp last summer and I think the difficulty of travel only served to cause the girls to seek to receive the greatest possible blessing of those days together.

Speakers and Helpers

The camp personalities mean much in helping to create proper atmosphere for a worthwhile camp. Their influence in word and deed is felt by all. We are grateful to the parents, pastors, counselors and missionary societies who made it possible for these young people to attend. We rejoice to include in this report the names of our missionaries and state helpers:

Miss Letha Saunders, Brazil.
Miss Wilma Weeks, China.
Rev. V. L. David, Argentina.
Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Chile.
Rev. Aaron Hancock, missionary to the Indians.
David Mein, Brazil.

Mrs. J. H. Street, president, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. W. A. Bell, mission study, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Frances Traylor, executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Edna Hickman, field worker, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Laura Mae Butts, handcraft.
Miss Ruby Rose, Gulfport.

Miss Christine Hollis, Jackson.
Miss Vera Walker, Meridian.
Mr. Billy Watson, S. B. T. S., Louisville.

CAMP PASTORS—Royal Ambassador camps: James A. Sullivan, Brookhaven; Chester Molpus, Belzoni; Mrs. W. L. Compere, Meridian; J. D. Walker, Calhoun City; C. W. Thompson, Laurel; Charlie Treadway, Cleveland; James Fairchild, Wesson.

CAMP COUNSELORS—About 25 of our pastors gave of their time to come to camp and serve as counselors of our boys—we sincerely thank each of these who made that contribution.

District Young People's leaders: Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Jackson; Mrs. Andrew Alexander, Greenville; Mrs. E. A. Pryor, Calhoun City; Mrs. H. B. Longest, Gulfport.

Six of our college Y. W. A's were represented by 15 girls serving as counselor.

These camps have come to be one of our most tangible evidences of God's leadership in this task. It is impossible to report the tangible results of the camps: souls saved, resolves renewed, impressions deepened, outlook enlarged, changed lives. Every year at camp, we have a camp offering—the campers deciding to what cause this shall go. This year \$503.16 was given and it was designated as follows: \$316.00 for World Relief; \$27.19 special project in Argentina; \$47.25, medical work through Home Mission Board of Brazil and \$112.72 paid on a piano for camp.

New Camp

The executive secretary-treasurer will give a financial statement of progress to date. However, I want to express for Mississippi Baptist young people our gratitude for the manifestation of your confidence in and expectation of us, as evidenced in the financial offering toward this new camp. Reports from young people's organizations showed marked increases in their State Mission Offering—knowing that this additional State Mission effort in their behalf is being made. Designated gifts from individuals have continued to come for the camp. The salvaging of the Octagon coupons has been beneficial financially both to the Baptist Orphanage and our camp equipment fund. Each fund received \$248.33, which is more than the Orphanage alone received last year.

Royal Ambassador Field Work

As we look down the corridor of years, we see Royal Ambassadors marching forward with greater numbers and in increased tempo. We have been grateful for the large part that Ivyloy Bishop has played in making this possible. He has contributed immeasurably his best in this undertaking. The Sothern Woman's Missionary Union recognized his outstanding leadership in this field and his secured him as Southwide R. A. secretary. We regret to lose Ivyloy from Mississippi but know that his leadership will be of inestimable value in southwide promotion of the work.

We had three Ann Hasseltine Y. W. A's that were A-1 last year: Blue Mountain, Jones County Junior Col-

lege and Clarke Memorial College.

There have been many things that have added to the joy of the year: institutes, clinics, associational meetings, mission study classes, conferences, banquets and other social occasions, office work and planning. For the opportunity and joy of service may I thank each of you who have had such a big part in the year's activities.

There are so many things that needed to be done, that we couldn't or didn't do and as we praise Him and thank Him for His blessings and guidance, we also confess our failures. We are reminded that as Ezra prayed and confessed, the message came to him, "Arise; for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we are with thee: be of good courage, and do it."

—BR—

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called And Accepted

A. M. Braumgardt, Leadwood, Mo.
Virgil A. Rose, Kennett, Mo.
W. P. Richardson, Southwest City, Mo.
Marvin Gaskin, Tonkawa, Okla.
J. M. Stallings, Talleyrand, Jacksonville, Fla.
J. E. Dillard, Jr., Jackson, Hill, Atlanta, Ga.
R. W. Leazer, 1st, Moberly, Mo.
Walter P. Arnold, Carthage, Mo.
T. W. Hearne, Canaan, Bessemer, Ala.
M. J. Taylor, Siluria, Ala.
Roscoe Griffin, Citronelle, Ala.
T. L. Hottel, Riverside Drive, Mobile, Ala.
H. S. Inabett, Prichard, Ala.
Harold C. Angel, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.
Frank Clark, Barwick, Ga.
Raymond C. Moore, Central, Gainesville, Ga.
Arthur Farmer, Gaskin City, Harrisburg, Ill.
Raymond Smith, Tabernacle, Knoxville, Tenn.
Ivan Lowrey, Bucatunna, Miss.
Paul Hawkins, Pleasant Hill, Conehatta, Miss.
W. F. Goode, Bluff Park, Birmingham, Ala.

Resigned

R. W. Leazer, first, Sedalia, Mo.
A. P. Wells, Myers Mem., Eight Mile, Ala.
Amos Ledbetter, Leeds, Ala.
W. P. Arnold, East, Sedalia, Mo.
Frank Clark, Damascus, Ga.
Arthur Farmer, Harnack, Ill.
J. M. Reynolds, Goliad, Texas
A. M. Braumgardt, Philadelphia, Mo.
Marvin Gaskin, Colgate, Okla.
J. M. Stallings, Calvary, Macon, Ga.
J. E. Dillard, Jr., Belle Glade, Fla.

—BR—

Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, missionary society presidents, auxiliary leaders, B. T. U. directors and president, Brotherhood presidents! Let's all put forth a special effort for a liberal Mother's Day offering for the children of the Baptist orphanage. If for any reason Mother's Day, May 14th, is not the best date use another Sunday during the month of May.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Franks are taking a short vacation. While they are away, Dr. J. A. Barnhill of Jackson is supplying the pulpit on two Sundays—April 23 and 30.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



R. D. PEARSON

Pearson Joins the Parade Macon Is Number 723

R. D. Pearson, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Macon, is rejoicing at the recent addition of his church in adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan. It is number 723 on the list.

Not only did the church adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan but they raised the pastor's salary, and doubled the amount for the Cooperative Program.

Record readers in Noxubee county are now listed as follows: Bethel 1; BROOKSVILLE 23; ELIM 15; Gholson 2; MACON 117; West Side Macon 1; SHUQUALAK 26; VERNON 14 and Mashulaville 1.

The Associated Church Press

We had the privilege of attending the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press in Chicago, Illinois, April 18-20. This organization is ever open to all the editors of religious papers of all Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada. The following speakers took part on the program: Dr. Luman J. Shafer, associate secretary, the Commission for a Just and Lasting Peace, for 25 years a missionary in Japan, then secretary of the Foreign Board, the Reformed Church in America, lecturer and author; Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, lecturer and author; Dr. Carlyle Adams, editor of the Presbyterian Tribune, College Chaplain; Dr. Clarence Hall, editor of The Link; Mr. Howard Kelley, secretary of Associated Broadcasting Corporation; Mr. Louis Minsky, managing editor, Religious News Service; Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of The Churchman; Dr. Jacob Payton, Washington representative of the Methodist Press; Dr. William F. McDermott, former religious editor of the Chicago Daily News, voluminous contributor to national magazines, and author; Dr. Leland D. Case, editor of The Rotarian; Dr. Roy L. Smith, editor of The Christian Advocate, preacher and author.

Although some of the doctrines

sounded strange to Baptist ears, several of the addresses were helpful and worthwhile. Others were like some we hear at Baptist Conventions—"heap much wind."

Goss Sends EVERY FAMILY List of 70 Is Number 727 on the EVERY FAMILY List

M. Glenn Smith has been pastor at Goss only a short time but he has already led them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Many churches over the state are doing as Goss has done—adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan without outside help. We need more Glenn Smiths.

In adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan the list of Record readers at Goss increased from 2 to 70.

For the first time in the history of the church a budget has been adopted.

Marion county now has Record readers listed as follows: BUNKER HILL 86; Columbia 16; Foxworth 15; EAST COLUMBIA 53; GOSS 70; GREENVILLE 19; IMPROVE 60; KOKOMO 51; Oloh 2; Hickory Grove 8; Hathorn 1, and Hub 1.

Mooney Leads Brooklyn to Adopt EVERY FAMILY Plan Brooklyn is Number 725

Gaston Mooney and the EVERY Family Plan go together. A few weeks ago he led the church at Brooklyn to adopt this popular and progressive plan. But this action was no surprise to The Baptist Record office. When Mooney becomes pastor, the EVERY FAMILY Plan soon follows.

In a letter to the editor, A. B. Simmons, church clerk, says, "Perhaps our greatest accomplishment in the last year has been the spirit of cooperation, sacrifice and service which we now see among our young people. Since the coming of our present pastor a little more than a year ago, we have had 40 baptisms and 18 additions by letter. Our budget has been more than doubled and met. In addition to our regular budget, gifts to the building fund approximate \$1,500. Most of our people are reading the Record and being blessed by it."

Record readers in Forrest county are now listed as follows: BROOKLYN 60; Camp Shelby 14; CENTRAL 53; GLENDALE 32; HATTIESBURG FIRST 480; HATTIESBURG FIFTH AVENUE 149; HATTIESBURG 38TH AVE. 64; Immanuel 3; McLaurin 1; Macedonia 5; MAIN STREET 421; Maxie 1; PETAL 122; Providence 11; RIVER AVENUE 60; ZION HILL 44; CARTERVILLE 31; DIXIE 20, and Calvary 8.

Read the Proof

In a recent issue of The Baptist Record on the W. M. U. page, Miss Traylor, executive secretary, listed 10 churches as having full graded Woman's Missionary Unions. Of these 10 churches, eight are either EVERY FAMILY or 50% churches. It seems that the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record and churches that are doing things go together in most instances. On the same page was listed 21 churches that reported every resident woman member having made an offering to Missions in 1943. Eighteen of these 21 churches are either EVERY FAMILY or 50% churches. Again The Baptist Record scores.

RURAL EVANGELIST SENDS AN- OTHER EVERY FAMILY LIST Fellowship Church, Smith County Is No. 721

Rural Evangelist B. S. Hilbun continues to help the circulation of The Baptist Record grow. Recently he not only held a revival meeting at Seminary church, but in some way managed to lead the Fellowship church in Smith county to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

We are glad to welcome this church to the growing list of churches that have adopted this popular and progressive plan.

Smith county now has Baptist Record readers as follows: Homewood 9; LEAF RIVER 93; LORENA 34; MIZE 25; Oak Grove 9; POLKVILLE 29; RALEIGH 13; ROCKY HILL 13; SYLVARENA 52; TAYLORSVILLE 54; White Oak 4; Wilkerson Memorial 3; Sardis 3; Clear Creek 2; Sharon 1, and FELLOWSHIP 31.

—BR—

Mother's Day is a fine institution. Perhaps all of us could approach it with a clearer conscience if we did just a little more for mother and motherless children on the other 364 days of the year.

V. R. Meadows, who recent went from Clara to the pastorate of Pilot Mountain, N. C., writes that the Lord is blessing his work. He sends his regards to all his Mississippi friends and also has some nice things to say about The Baptist Record.

Louisville, Ky.—Jefferson county's board of education has been promised \$500 during 1944-45 by the fiscal court from the county's general funds to pay expenses of bus transportation for parochial school pupils under a new state law.

**PROGRAM
BAPTIST PASTORS CONFERENCE**
M. E. Dodd, Director
First Baptist Church
Atlanta, Ga.
James W. Middleton, Pastor
May 15, 16, 1944

Monday Evening, May 15

7:30—Singing and Praying—Led by Ira C. Prosser.
7:50—The Scriptures and Prayer—Troy V. Wheeler.
8:00—"The Holy Spirit"—H. H. Hobbs.
8:30—Special Music—Directed by John D. Hoffman.
8:40—"America's Moral Slump"—R. C. Campbell.
9:15—Benediction.

Tuesday Morning, May 16

9:30—Singing and Praying—Led by Ira C. Prosser.
9:50—The Scriptures and Prayer—Wade B. East.
10:00—"Baptist Principles in This Hour"—W. R. White.
10:30—Symposium on "Assembling Ourselves Together" (10 minutes each):
"Making the Most of My Prayer Meeting Service"—John E. Huss.
"Making the Most of My Sunday Morning Service"—W. F. Powell.
"Making the Most of My Sunday Night Service"—C. Roy Angell.
11:00—"Preaching For Today's World"—(20 minutes each):
"Its Spiritual Basis"—E. D. Head.
"Its Practical Application"—Duke K. McCall.
"Its Doctrinal Content"—Ellis A. Fuller."

MOTHER'S DAY Offering For The Baptist Orphanage

Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Presidents Missionary Societies, Auxiliary Leaders, B. T. U. Directors-Presidents, Brotherhood Presidents!

Let's all put forth a special effort to lead our people to make a liberal cash offering for the children of the Baptist Orphanage on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. If for any reason this not the best day for your people use another Sunday during the month of May.

M—is for the million things she gave me,

O—means only that she's growing old;

T—is for the tears she shed to save me,

H—is for her heart of purest gold.

E—is for her eyes with love-light shining.

R—means right, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together they spell MOTHER,
A word that means the world to me!

Our Goal. An offering from every LOYAL MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST who LOVES THE LORD and LITTLE CHILDREN. DO NOT FAIL YOUR LORD. DO NOT FAIL THE CHILDREN.

Gratefully,

W. G. MIZE, Superintendent
Baptist Orphanage
Jackson, 37, Mississippi

GOD DID IT!

(Continued from Page One)

Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? Shall I smite them?

"And he answered; thou shalt not smite them; wouldst thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

"And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bonds of Syria came no more into the land of Israel." II Kings 6:14-23.

The Scripture we have just read tells us the story of God's remarkable deliverance of his prophet, Elisha, from Benhadad, the King of Syria. The faith of Elisha in that crisis is voiced in his declaration in verse 16: "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Here Elisha proclaims his assured faith in God's protecting care. He knew that while tragedy destroys the unbeliever, and the enemy presses hard upon the righteous, still God will protect and deliver his own. Even though the Lord permits His true servants to be harried by Benhadads and Hitlers, He will not fail them. The righteous can count on God's help. This has always been true. It is true today as has been abundantly demonstrated in recent times.

Twenty-five hundred years after God delivered Elisha at Dothan, in June, 1940, England stood where Elisha did in that ancient day. Hitler's advancing hordes had overwhelmed Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, and France. England's army had been hopelessly out-manuevered and overcome in Belgium and France. She was defenseless as far as her military strength could help her. She was doomed unless God delivered her. Hitler and his godless associates gloated in triumph. Then her people and her friends called on God.

Again and again during those days and in the months since, the Holy Spirit has reminded me of the prayer of Abraham for the deliverance of Sodom. Finally God promised to deliver Sodom if ten righteous could be found in that city. England's sin and folly, as a nation, had brought her to the precipice of disaster. But there was in England and in America more than one thousand times ten righteous, who stood in the breach, as did Abraham, and prayed for her deliverance.

How well I remember those dark, dreadful days. My wife, who has a faith that has moved mountains in the other days, for nearly three days and nights, gave herself to fasting and prayer that God would save the world from the scourge of a triumphant Hitler. There were thousands of others like her. The Lord heard, and all the righteous intercessors were able, with Elisha, to say: "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

God honored the faith and intercession of His saints and delivered England in 1940 with four miracles. And since that time, He has added at least two additional miracles to the supernatural intervention by which He has doomed Hitler and his to destruction.

The four miracles by which God delivered England in 1940 were: The clouds over Dunkirk, the confusion of

the German staff, the September storm, and the enablement of the small English fighter air force to turn back the effort of the German Luftwaffe in their effort to bomb Britain into submission.

In the spring of 1942, I was invited by Colonel Wright, the commandant of Key Field Air Base, to attend an assembly of his officers and to hear a young French officer, who had escaped with the English army at Dunkirk. He spoke excellent English. He was a dramatic speaker. At the outbreak of the war, he had been assigned to the British army as a liaison officer. He graphically re-lived the German campaign that crushed Holland, Belgium, and France. He enabled us to see it in its vivid and startling reality.

He was on the staff of General Sir Bernard Montgomery, who, since, has proved himself to be such a remarkably successful commander in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Then General Montgomery commanded only a brigade. General Montgomery asked the honor of covering their retreat to Dunkirk and the evacuation of the armies there. This young French officer told us how desperately and doggedly General Montgomery's brigade held the Germans back until the British army had concentrated in its retreat around Dunkirk.

Then he dramatically asked, "Do you know how we escaped at Dunkirk? I was there. General Montgomery, a British colonel, a British major, and I were the last four men that boarded a boat for England off the beach at Dunkirk. Think what you want to think, but in my heart, I know that it was not the skill, strategy, bravery, or fight of the English that enabled us to escape and to save as much as was saved. It was God who delivered us!

"God hung an umbrella of cloud for three days that was so low and so dense and so thick that the German air force could not find us, nor could the German artillery bombard us. During that time, God stilled the winds so that the water of the English Channel was perfectly smooth, and the smallest boats could be used. Yes, it was God who delivered us."

After three days the clouds lifted. God held them there as long as they were needed to allow the English to escape. At that time England had no tanks in England and no artillery. She had no strength with which to resist an invasion. The German air force could have sunk the British navy, if it had tried to defend England across that narrow channel. Hitler could have successfully invaded England. He did not know it. God confused him. He waited to get ready. He waited, as the Germans waited in sight of Paris in 1914. He waited through July and August and until mid-September. By that time, he thought he was ready.

For weeks, he had been preparing his forces; he had been assembling barges and practicing invasion take-offs and landings. They were on the eve of their great adventure to invade England. Then came the September storm of 1940. That storm was so severe that it wrecked his barges and many of his installations that had been prepared. Thousands of his men were drowned. The storm did him such damage that it became impossible for him to carry out an invasion attempt at that time. It had to be put off until the spring of 1941. In the meantime the British

were preparing desperately. They were converting their tight little island into a fortress.

The German general staff knew that they must soften up the island by aerial bombardment. They were convinced that they must break the morale of the British by the terror of their bombings from the air. They expected to destroy the cities of England and Scotland, to demolish their war factories, and to keep them helpless until spring. Then in the spring of 1941, they would invade. The British air force seemed to be utterly inadequate in comparison with the strength of the Germans. But the British air force shot back with supernatural effectiveness. Only God could have enabled them to do what they did. The Germans expected to shoot the English air forces out of the sky. It turned out the other way. The little English air force was so deadly in its destruction of the German bombers and fighters, that the Germans were compelled to desist from their effort to subdue England from the air.

One of the most striking of the providential deliverances of Britain occurred on July 3 and 4, 1942, when Rommel was stopped halfway between El Alamein and Alexandria. Most of the world believes that the British stopped the Germans at El Alamein. They did not. Major Peter W. Ranier of the Royal Engineers who had charge of the water supply for the British Eighth Army in Africa has told us how it happened.

On July 3 the Germans smashed the British center at El Alamein and advanced one-half the distance to Alexandria. They could see the buildings of Alexandria. The British had been unable to hold them. The power of the German 88's had broken their ability to resist Rommel's Panzers.

On the morning of July 4 the Germans pressed forward to complete the capture of Alexandria. For several hours they were locked in deadly combat with the small British force. Each army was at the point of exhaustion when the battle began. The Germans had had no water for twenty-four hours. They were about to collapse from thirst. It was a question as to who would be able to stand up and strike the last blow. They were like two groggy pugilists, each of whom was about out on his feet. Destiny hung in the balance. If the Germans could fight five minutes longer than the English they could break through and take Alexandria, Cairo, Suez and out-flank Russia in the east and would have greatly lengthened if not won the war.

The Nazis reached the end of their endurance. In another ten minutes the English might have stopped. The German tanks turned and started back for El Alamein.

Then to the astonishment of the British more than 1100 German infantrymen, the very best of Rommel's Afrika Korps, stumbled forward to surrender to the English. The British could not understand. The foe could have easily retreated.

Why did those 1100 valiant fighters voluntarily surrender when victory was in sight? Here is the explanation of the fateful miracle. The night before when they got beyond El Alamein toward Cairo they came on a six-inch English water main. They had had no water for 24 hours. They shot holes in the water pipe and slaked their destroying thirst. They had been drinking brackish water.

They did not know until they had drunk too much that the water in that main was sea water. Its salt skinned their parched tongues. When they surrendered their tongues were swollen and black and protruding out of their mouths. It was a new water main. Major Rainier was testing it with salt water because fresh water was so scarce. If the Germans had come the day before the main would have been empty. Had they arrived twenty-four hours later the line would have been filled with fresh water and the Germans refreshed by it would have easily captured Alexandria, Cairo and Suez. God who strangely and fatefully tips the scales, frequently with little that means so much, saved Britain and turned the tide which enabled us to drive the Germans out of Africa, by their being held until they could drink salt water instead of fresh out of that water main.

The sixth miracle by which God saved England and us was in the preservation of Malta. God enabled the English to get supplies through to Malta, or Malta would have fallen. He enabled the small forces that were there to defy and to destroy their attackers in a way that added divine deliverance to their courage and faith. The commander of Malta through all its bitter days is one of the greatest saints of the 20th century. General Montgomery, also, is one of the greatest Christians the world has known.

God has delivered England and us. It is not they nor we who have done this. Churchill and many of the English leaders have confessed it. It is unmistakable but for these miracles of deliverance, the Germans would today be the masters of England, Scotland and Ireland. The Nazi flag would fly triumphantly over all the land that borders the Mediterranean Sea, and we, in America, with Russia alone would face Germany and Japan.

The awful question challenges us: What shall we do with the deliverance God has given us? Shall we forget that it was He who gave it to us and shall we in arrogance boast that we have saved ourselves? God forbid!

Shall we yield to the temptation of seeking Satan's vengeance when Germany and Japan can fight no more? It is going to be a very real temptation to us.

Elisha's action at Dothan points the way to the Christian attitude that should be ours now and when the final victory comes. You will recall that the King of Israel wanted to destroy the captives who had been taken because God had smitten them with blindness. But Elisha said, no. He counselled that they be fed and treated kindly.

There are two things that we should be determined to do. We should let nothing keep us from doing them. They are:

First, we should praise God unceasingly for the deliverance which His mercy has granted us.

Second, we should deal with the vanquished, when we have conquered them, with firmness and strength so that they will make war with us no more. But at the same time, we should deal with them kindly. We should abhor vengeance. We should enforce, from righteous motives, a line of righteous action that will prevent the coming of another war in the next century.

(To be concluded next week)

PROFANING THE TEMPLE IS IT HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCH?

Brethren, I feel led to write on this subject, and I do it in all humbleness and brotherly love.

It seems to me, by Bible standards, that we have gone far from observing the proper reverence and sacredness for God's house. We have children running and playing in the church, we have Vacation Bible school workshops and other disturbances, we have talking on business and secular matters, even joking and laughing; carelessness and abuse that mars the building; we have suppers and social occasions with hilarity and fun; and now we are having rooms, halls, and social centers, to entertain the young people and men in the service with games and the like, with the well-meaning purposes to get them to church and to keep them out of undesirable places.

I think it lowers one's estimate of a church when many of the impressions he is getting are those of merriment, frivolity, a "good time," etc. The religious yearnings of the human soul are for spiritual help with the greatest problem of life; living and dying, or, said another way: finding God. Does one associate frivolity with God?

The average or mean of the impressions one gets in all the phases of church association, Sunday school, B. T. U., sermons, games, parties, suppers, is going to be the result. Regardless of how good sermons are, won't they be averaged down by fun and games?

Again, churches are supposed to be composed of redeemed baptized believers. It seems to me that in endeavoring to hold onto worldly folks we are in reality holding a "dry rot" in Christ's Ecclesia which will weaken the good. If folks who are supposed to be Christians have to be humored and cajoled into coming to church to keep them away from sinful and worldly places; then what they need is more preaching of the gospel, conviction by the Holy Spirit of their condition, the sinfulness of sin and the wages thereof; in a "hell fire and brimstone" fashion if you please and the "hew it to the line" requirements laid down by the New Testament for RIGHTEOUSNESS in the children of God.

And too, Christ drove the vendors and money changers from the Temple, not merely because of crookedness, but because they were carrying on secular activities in sacred precincts in addition. Hark back to the "Tabernacle of God" and later the Temple in Jerusalem, built of the finest and costliest materials according to the instructions of God. (The lowest estimate on the furnishings of Solomon's Temple is two and one quarter billion dollars.) In Exodus 40:9, 10, we have God's command to Moses for the Tabernacle: "And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the Tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof, and it shall be holy. (10) And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy." Later, at the completion of Solomon's consecration of the Temple of God, we have II Chronicles 7:1, "Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and sacrifices; and the glory of the

Lord filled the house." And the following part of verse 5—"So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God." Then verses 15 and 16. "Now mine eyes shall be open and my ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. (16) For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually."

Coming down to Christ's time, Mark 11 beginning with verse 15: "And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves; (16) and would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. (17) And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves."

This reference is to Isaiah 56:7. "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

Ah! you may say, you are refuted right there. Does God not say He will make them joyful in His house? As I see it there are two kinds of joy. There is a joy of the soul in the depths of one's being, a sacred or holy joy, which I think is meant here. Again there is profane or secular joy, light hearted, frivolous, merry making, telling jokes, playing games, having stunts, etc. James 5:13 says, "Is any merry? Let him sing psalms."

I think there is a parallel in the sacredness of the Temple in Jerusalem and our local churches. We dedicate them to God. We expect His presence there. Christ quoted Isaiah in saying "My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer." Can we harmonize these more or less profane activities with "a house of prayer," or with a building dedicated to God, His worship, and where we expect to come into His presence?

Brethren, if there is any discussion in your church on the subject, please be guided by Christian love. Sometimes I think we sin more in dealing with what we consider wrong than the original error is. If after you have had your say in the spirit of love one to another, and have voted if voted on, then abide in peace and leave things in God's hands to work out if not satisfied.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Romans 12:10.

Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. Zephaniah 3:4.

I do not presume to judge that all above enumerated occasions are always profane. I have been to "workers' suppers" that I thought were very reverent and inspiring.

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31.

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"Robes of Splendor" by Harold E. Dye, Broadman Press, \$1.75. The author is editor of the Baptist New Mexican and until recently was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Here are fresh and inspiring devotional and inspirational messages by one who knows and loves God's great outdoors and is at peace in it. These addresses were delivered as sunrise and vesper talks at the Inlow Youth Camp in the Manzo Mountains of New Mexico. Anyone reading this book will be the better from having done so. It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.



Blue Mountain, Miss.—No wonder Mr. R. G. LeTourneau looks happy in this picture taken at Blue Mountain College where he recently addressed a capacity audience. The girls, students at Blue Mountain, are: Evonne Gardner, Kirksville, Mo. (left), and Frances Gene Hannaford, Jackson.

—BR— "FUZZY-WUZZY ANGELS" OR "BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS"

(Editor's note: In the days to come no soldier who has shared any experiences similar to these listed below will say in his church, "It is a waste of money to send money to foreign people.")

"The oft-termed 'impractical' missionary work of the church has produced one of the most practical surprises of the war—invaluable assistance to Allied service men by islanders of the fever-infested South Pacific. Voluntarily, one-time savages daily risk their lives to carry ammunition to the front lines. Many hundreds of wrecked and wounded aviators and sailors have discovered that the reason they were carried tenderly on stretchers for days across the Owen Stanley Range by 'fuzzy-wuzzy angels,' instead of being eaten forthwith or being turned over to the enemy for reward, was that Christian missionaries had been at work among those tribes for only fifty years. An American airman made a crash landing. 'You are burnt. We must take you to Darwin,' said the head man he encountered in the bush. The wounded man was installed as comfortably as possible in the bottom of the dug out canoe while the aboriginal Good Samaritans battled over the long trek of 35 miles to the military hospital. 'One might have expected,' says the Bishop of New Guinea, 'that these brown people who have but recently emerged from savagery and the stone age would have seen Christ in the Australian. Perhaps they have—but the fact is, many Australian soldiers who perhaps had never seen the likeness of Christ in their own home life have seen Him in the faces and lives of those brown "fuzzy-wuzzy angels." Christian missions do not as a rule receive credit from more than a few discerning persons; but this time a faintly and conventionally Christian society wakes up and sees the triumph of missions written across the sky in letters of flame.'—OWI Church Press.

CHAPLAIN VISITS LEPERS

Capt. Orvil Unger, who was formerly assistant post chaplain at Gulfport Field, has written regarding a visit to the leper colony in India, where he is stationed. The leper work is sponsored by the Northern Baptists under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Kirby, who have served for 20 years. The work grew out of his knowledge of the need for more to be done than merely "anti-leprosy" activities. He says, in part: "While no known medicine will cure it, certain injections help build up resistance to it. Two injections are given weekly. Another need is proper nourishment, and, even when food is supplied in sufficient bulk, the deficiency of an unbalanced diet produces greater susceptibility to the leprae bacilli. Here in their new home, adequate food is provided. In addition to the food which is given them, they may purchase additional items with money they earn."

"The third need is adequate exercise. After only a short stay here I can appreciate the lethargy that is caused by climatic conditions. The leper's condition contributes to his inertia. They must not be overworked, but here they are encouraged, not only to take recreational exercise such as volley ball and badminton, but also to work in their own gardens to the extent of their physical strength. This contributes to a good appetite."

Not Outcasts Here

"The last thing is important. The military would call it 'morale.' The physician might call it 'psychiatric therapy.' I shall call it a 'sense of belonging.' Here they are not outcast nor untouchable. No one shuns them or is afraid of them. (A healthy, well nourished adult is practically immune.) The unmarried women live in their separate area, and they form into natural congenial groups for cooking and eating. The single men likewise have an area of their own. Married couples have their own homes and gardens. Anything they raise or make is theirs, and the proceeds from any sales they make belong to them."

75% Become Christians

"Of supreme importance is their opportunity to hear of the love of God as revealed in Jesus. Many of the lepers become fifty to ninety per cent symptom free, yet some will never be free of their physical disease. However, seventy-five per cent of them come to a saving knowledge of Jesus, and are cleansed from their soul-leprosy of sin. This knowledge of sins forgiven, of a loving God, makes this group of 106 people the happiest in all India. As I compare the life of these folks with their fellow-countrymen, their life here, and their hope of a life hereafter, I can understand why many of them say, 'Thank God I became a leper.'

"As I approached the leper Baptist church and heard the group under the leadership of their native leper pastor singing 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,' even though I could not understand the words, the melody and the message were clear. Here the praise of God was being sung by those who had found refuge in Him."

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It is now reported that swimming was invented when two Scotchmen came to a toll bridge.



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IT HAPPENED MARCH 26th



Thanks to Mr. Frank E. Skilton for a picture of Sara and Bethel as they come out of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Miss., the afternoon of March 26th, 1944. "Just married," this fine couple—now Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Ferguson. Our congratulations and very best wishes go to them as they begin, what we trust will be a long, happy, and useful life. They are making their home in Natchez, Miss., where Mr. Ferguson is superintendent of the Mississippi Power and Light Company. That is his "side line," the job that gives him a living. His real job is working for the Lord with major interest in Intermediate Training Union work.

Philadelphia Training Union Standard

Congratulations are in order to Philadelphia Baptist Training Union, Mrs. E. S. Cole, director, Dr. Walter Johnson, pastor, for reaching the Standard of Excellence for the last quarter 1943. This is the second or third year this good church has thus qualified. It is no small task, and means the cooperation of leaders and members of individual unions to whom pastor and director give due credit. Does a good Training Union pay? Study the entire record of the Philadelphia church and judge for yourself. Outstanding in every phase of work, local and denominational.

New Hope Church, Marion County, reports the organization of a Training Union. Mr. Claude J. Patrick was chosen director and starts off by securing a list of necessary tools. Congratulations, and best wishes.

Thanks to Brother Wm. F. Garner, pastor of the Holcomb church, and associational director for Grenada county, for a report on the newly organized union at Holcomb. Mrs. S. L. Moorhead was chosen director. They start with one union, a B. Y. P. U., with the hope of adding others later. We wish them a continued, useful service.

Mr. Frank Humphreys, newly elected director of a newly organized Training Union, reports that the work just begun in Center church, Union County, starts with all officers desiring to know their duties, hence a request for tracts that carry these duties were secured. How could you keep an organization

like that from doing a grand job? We look forward to good reports from them.

From the number of unions asking for sheets that give the rules, etc., for the different contests to be held at the District Conventions, we will have a fine representative for these drills at each convention. June 5-23 are great days for Baptist Young People—Story Hour through Seniors—and for Baptist Adults. Convention days mean helpful days for leaders as well as "just members" of the unions.

Mr. Director, has your pastor asked you to help in making the special offering in June a success for your church? Debt free Mississippi will mean more funds for new work in the Master's name. If he hasn't approached you about it, ask him to give you the facts. It's time for the committee, which is to be made up of heads of departments in the church, to begin their work of publicity. It could be done before June!

Miss Mattie Mae Burkett, church secretary, First McComb, and district leader for District 15 reports a growing interest in Ridgecrest in her church and association. Already four have asked for reservation, and six others are trying to work out plans to go.

A good plan is for a party, small or large, to get together, travel together and live together at Ridgecrest. It's a lot of fun the whole ten days, going, coming, and while there, to be in a congenial party, sing, laugh, and really live. Any association could work a small party, and some a large party.

GULFPORT FIRST SETS UP FULLY GRADED STORY HOUR

A fully graded Story Hour, meaning a nursery, a nursery story hour, a beginner story hour, and a primary story hour, has been set up in the First Church, Gulfport. Mrs. N. H. Eudaly is the director and she has nine additional adult helpers. It all came about this way. Last fall, when Mrs. Eudaly's three months old baby had no place in the Training Union provided for him, Mrs. Eudaly took the initiative and asked the privilege of starting a Story Hour (would that others would be as eager to serve). The privilege was granted, and from this start with "one leader, and one member" the Story Hour has grown into four well developed units. Mrs. Webb is leader of the Nursery, Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. Victor Cartrett, leaders of the Story Hour; Mrs. S. B. Fillin-game, leader of the Beginners Story Hour; Mrs. Vernal Stockstill and Mrs. Albert Horne, leaders of the Primary Story Hour; Mrs. Cahill is the department secretary; Mrs. Vivian Kirk, chorister, and Miss Helen Brookshire, pianist.

Another good report from this church is to the effect that since February this year, two Junior, three Intermediate, two Adult, and one Young People's unions have been organized. Mr. Vernal Stockstill is the Training Union director and Rev. Henry Brookshire, pastor. It can be done! Don't you want to try it in your church?

CAPTAIN APPRECIATES CHURCH SENDING PAPER

In an interesting letter to the editor, Capt. Turner Bigham gives an insight into how the service men feel about their churches sending them The Baptist Record. From his letter we quote several excerpts:

"It seems the good people of the Pontotoc church are sending The Baptist Record to their members in the armed forces. . . . To be honest, I never did pay much attention to the Record when I was back home. I would glance through it, maybe read an article or two, and toss it aside. But the other day when I received my first copy, I found myself reading everything in it! When I read Ben Hilbun's splendid article and the editorials, it was just like I was back home in the church where I listened to both of you so many times and received a spiritual blessing. It then dawned upon me what a splendid thing those people back home are doing by sending the Record to their service men. Baptist chaplains are hard to find, and the Record gives the boys the teachings and doctrines they have known from childhood. I hope more churches will adopt the plan. . . . I have a fine and interesting bunch of boys under my command. They are of various nationalities and religions. . . . About half of them are Catholics, and they attend church regularly when military duties permit. . . . I have only a few

GRIFFITH B. T. U. HAS BANQUET

"Flying Higher" was the keynote of the main speaker, Owen Cooper of Jackson, at the B. T. U. banquet in Griffith Memorial church in Jackson last week. The banquet honored the adult and young people's departments and the leaders and sponsors of the organization. Mrs. L. R. Williams is the director of the Griffith B. T. U. There were 185 present. The speaker stressed that in "flying higher" "we must know our capabilities, capacities and power, be on guard against the obstacles of the pull of the earth, winds of discouragement and clouds of disappointment." The climax of the message pictured the rewards of "flying higher"—a clear vision and a closer walk with God. Several men from Foster General Hospital were present and assisted in "A Trip Around the World" feature. Pfc. Deane Tack sang two songs which were greatly enjoyed. The tables at which the banquet was served were arranged in the form of a four-motored plane, and flags and small planes were used effectively for decorations. The banquet is an annual event, and one of the highlights of the year.

Jewish boys, but they attend their services. . . . Baptists did not fill their quota of chaplains, I have been told. Any preacher should welcome the opportunity to serve his Lord and his country as a chaplain. . . ."

INJURIOUS EFFECTS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING!

The cigarette manufacturers spend over \$30,000,000 a year in advertising. Their favorite method is the picture of beautiful girls smoking cigarettes. In 1937 Americans smoked 162,500,000 cigarettes. The manufacturers cleared over \$75,000,000 on this amount. The president of the Lucky Strike company received, in 1937, a salary of \$380,976. He is in favor of cigarette-smoking. The injurious nature of cigarettes is unquestioned. Nicotine excites the heart. In the course of 24 hours the smoker's heart may have suffered 30,000 extra beats.

An expectant mother passes on to her unborn babe and later through the milk which nourishes it this poison. The heart-rate of her unborn child is raised from five to ten beats a minute by the smoking of a cigarette. The investigations made upon white rats show the appalling injury to unborn children. This injury continues in later life.

Charles F. Emerson stated that his classmates, in Dartmouth College, who used tobacco averaged 49½ years at death, the non-smokers 59 years and four months. Prof. Raymond Pearl, of Johns Hopkins University, studied 6,813 American men. He found that a man who at the age of 30 is a heavy smoker has 46 chances out of 100 to live 60 years, while the non-smoker has 66 chances.

NATION-WIDE NEWS REPORT OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Dr. Walter Van Kirk, NBC religious news commentator, will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta and will broadcast a special news report about Southern Baptists at 12:30 CWT (1:30 EWT) Thursday, May 18th, program originating from the studios of WSB in Atlanta.

This report can be heard in Mississippi over WSMB of New Orleans, WALA of Mobile, and possibly WSM of Nashville.

It would be fine if pastors in other communities would contact the managers of their respective local NBC stations and arrange for the station to carry this broadcast if possible—and it certainly would be a splendid Christian service to give wide publicity to this broadcast in the press and otherwise.

Perhaps, if the station has a local commercial in that spot it could be arranged with the management for Dr. Van Kirk's talk to be recorded and given as a delayed broadcast later that day.

The possibility of this splendid service becoming effective and helpful in your area depends upon such arrangements with the station.

These are but a small sample of the testimony of scientists and physicians on this subject.—The United Presbyterian.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

May Emphases

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK; CRADLE ROLL DAY.

Christian Home Week is May 7-14, which means the week before Mother's Day and culminating on that day.

Cradle Roll Day is the last Sunday in May. The purpose of this day is to promote the slogan of the Cradle Roll department, A CHRISTIAN HOME FOR EVERY BABY; to emphasize the importance of early Christian training.

The last Sunday in May is the suggested time for Cradle Roll Day; however, if this is not acceptable, another date may be selected. Some churches climax Christian Home Week (which closes on Mother's Day) with the observance of Cradle Roll Day.

Information regarding the observance of Cradle Roll Day may be secured by writing the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee. Also, three copies of any one of the following six pageants will be sent free on request to the above address: "Unto the Least of These," "Safeguarding Our Babies," "Love in a Cradle," "A Charge to Keep," "This Little Child of Thine," "A Christian Home for Every Baby."

We hope that every school will plan for the observance of Christian Home Week and Cradle Roll Day during the month of May.

That Vacation Bible School

This is the month of May and the beginning of the Vacation Bible school season. May, June, July and August are the months for these schools. Some phases of Sunday school work can be done at most any season of the year, but only during the vacation period can we have these vacation schools.

Therefore, how exceedingly important it is to make definite plans now, if this has not already been done, for the 1944 Vacation Bible school. The time should be set, the faculty secured, the books bought, the school advertised, and plans made for making it a most vital part of the whole program. There is ample time yet to prepare for these schools, but we need to get busy now in order to get the best results.

A package of free literature containing helpful suggestions will be gladly sent on request to the Sunday School Department. Order all of your books and supplies for these schools from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, 105, Miss.

Pay For It

The Sunday school is the greatest evangelizing agency in any church. About 90% of all our baptisms are Sunday school people. This does not mean that one cannot be saved unless he is in Sunday school, but it does mean that not many are being saved who are not in Sunday school.

We recently heard Evangelist Hyman Appelman say that 90% of his success as an evangelist was due to the help and cooperation of Sunday school officers and teachers.

And yet, there are hundreds of churches in the state that go through a full year, and many of them many years, without having even one course

of study to help train for greater efficiency the leaders of the greatest evangelizing agency of the church.

Also, the Vacation Bible school is considered by those who have had experience one of our finest evangelizing agencies. One of the fine pastors in our state said that the Vacation Bible school makes a larger and more permanent contribution to the life of the church than the average so-called revival meeting. For the last several years there have been some 600 professions of faith in Mississippi Bible schools alone.

And with all the wonderful opportunities and possibilities of the Vacation Bible school, many churches never have one. And with all the wonderful opportunities and possibilities for evangelism through the Sunday school, many of them never have a course of study to help the leaders of that school do better work.

Why is this? Well, if you ask many of them they will tell you that they do not have any one in the church to teach a study course or to lead in the Vacation Bible school.

All right, let's grant this as a true condition. What can we do about it? Simply this: Pay for it. Pay for what? For someone to teach a study course or direct the Vacation Bible school.

Every church, practically, has a revival meeting each year and will pay from \$50.00 to \$200.00, or even more, for evangelistic help, and this is certainly right and as it should be. But why not the church set aside a small amount, say from \$15.00 to \$25.00, to see that a Vacation Bible school leader is secured, if one is needed from outside the church, and also for someone to teach a Sunday school study course?

Whom Shall We Get?

Well, suppose a church does set aside a small amount in the budget to guarantee a Vacation Bible school leader and a study course teacher, whom shall we get?

Get a neighbor pastor to teach the study course and pay him for it, just like you'd get one to preach during the revival and pay him for it. If it is worth money to get someone to preach for eight or ten days for winning the lost to Christ, it certainly seems to us that it is likewise worth a small amount of money to get someone to teach a course each year that would help the leaders of the church's greatest evangelizing agency, which leaders serve for 52 weeks in the year and not during the revival meeting only. The same thing could be said with reference to a helper for the Vacation Bible school, if the church feels that it must have some outside person to do these things.

Yes, it might help considerably if we will get our sense of proportion more evenly balanced.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS: On March 6th, 1944 it pleased our Heavenly Father to call home to himself our beloved Brother John F. Bridges; and

WHEREAS: The Church has suffered great loss in his going because of his good testimony for the Lord; his faithful service to His Church; his friendly greeting and service to all; his humility and patience; and his exemplary life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, with thanksgiving in our hearts for the giving of Brother Bridges to us as long as he did. That we extend to his bereaved family our tenderest love and sympathy and pledge them an interest in our prayers.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Church Clerk's book; a copy be sent to the members of the family (those in Belzoni and those in the Armed Service abroad) and that a copy be sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted, this the 31st day of March, 1944,

The Deacons of the Belzoni Baptist Church, Belzoni, Mississippi

—BR—

H. G. West, pastor of Ecu Baptist Church, recently sent in a nice list of renewals.

We are in receipt of a nice list of subscriptions from Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, Bonita.

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES

(Continued from Page One)

to preach sermons with convincing power. It was not difficult to repeat Scriptures and to give spiritual interpretation to them. The Holy Spirit leads and guides. Paul had a place in mind to go, but was forbidden, and was led in another direction and to another place. Thousands, yes millions, of people have been comforted by His abiding presence. The Spirit bears witness with our spirits and comforts us along the way.

He is not an intruder, though He is a constant caller and knocks at the door of the human heart. It is said that the door to the human heart is the only door with the knob only on the inside. If the individual within will not hear the gentle knocking from without and open from within there will be no entrance. The Holy Spirit is the author of the new birth, but the heart must be ready through a process of preparation to receive the spiritual spark. Illustration, the gasoline must be prepared in passing through the carburetor and brought to the proper temperature, but the engine will never start till the electric spark comes in contact with the prepared gasoline. At that moment the transaction takes place, and the mighty wheels begin to turn.

The chief interest of the Holy Spirit is that He shall glorify the Son by whom He is sent, and the church the Son's bride. Let us yield ourselves completely to the Spirit that we may honor our Savior in working to advance His kingdom through the church He established and sealed with His blood.

—BR—

SPRING RETREAT FOR B. S. U.

The spring retreat of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union, using the theme "Workers with Christ," will be held at State College, May 5-7 with Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville as host pastor and Harold Douglas as host secretary. Highlighting the event will be the keynote address of Mrs. M. O. Jones of Jackson. Henry Greer, state B. S. U. president, will preside. Other speakers who will attend are: R. H. Falwell of South Carolina; John E. Barnes of West Point; D. A. (Scotchie) McCall of Jackson, and local B. S. U. secretaries as follows: Chester Moulder, Marion Leavell, Lucy Carlton Wilds, Wilda Tilghman and Elizabeth Finch. At this meeting the first edition of the state Baptist student paper, edited by Erlene Howard, will be featured.

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→ GRAY'S OINTMENT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND
WORLD PEACE

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in its meeting on December 15, 1943 received the following request from the Foreign Mission Board:

"We respectfully request the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint and finance a special committee to consider and report to the next meeting of the Convention how best to develop, clarify and mobilize the sentiment of Southern Baptists for a righteous and lasting peace and against those attitudes and movements that would hinder the attainment of that end, and how their influence can be most effectively exerted toward the attainment of the kind of world for which we are now contending and in which the work of world evangelization can best go forward."

In accordance with this request the Executive Committee appointed the undersigned, who submit the following report, from which we quote excerpts:

I. We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention announce the following principles as being our Baptist interpretation of the teachings and spirit of Christ in relation to the present world situation.

1. We believe that the command of Jesus, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" is a condemnation of the policy of isolation on the part of any nation.

2. Believing that God has created all men free and equal and has given to them certain inalienable rights which must ever be respected, we assert the right of all nations both great and small to self-government, and the obligation of the strong to protect the weak, in the exercise of their God-given freedom.

3. In order to guarantee security for all nations against aggression, invasion, or attempted domination by any other nation, we believe an international organization should be set up which by economic sanctions, or if necessary, by police power, shall restrain any such attempt.

4. Believing in the worth of every individual, we deplore race prejudices and hatreds as undermining the respect to which every individual is entitled, and as destroying the spirit of understanding and good will.

5. Many nations are retarded because of poverty and lack of economic opportunity. The erection of tariff barriers for the protection and enrichment of stronger nations may be as serious to weaker nations as military invasion.

6. Every principle of Christianity and democracy demands the right of every individual to freedom of worship and the right to follow the dictates of his own conscience in respect to religion. . . . Religious liberty is an inherent right and is not a privilege granted by governments. . . . We earnestly contend that no peace terms will be adequate which either deny or obscure this principle.

II. We further recommend—

1. That a committee of nine be appointed to carry this statement to our people through every channel of information and life.

2. That groups should be organized in all our churches to propagate these principles to create an active public opinion in the support of them.—J. M. Dawson, Merrill D. Moore, Ryland Knight.

25 Years Ago

Rev. L. G. Gates of Laurel will assist Pastor Eugene Stephens in a meeting at Highland church, Meridian, beginning May 26.

The church at Crystal Springs has called Rev. J. P. Harrington.

Rev. D. A. McCall of Lula, Miss., writes, "Our hearts were made to rejoice on last Sunday when we held our first services in our new \$16,000 church building. We had a record breaking crowd both in Sunday school and the preaching service."

The church at Drew, Rev. Webb Brame, pastor, has subscribed \$30,000 for a new church house. They will proceed at once with the construction. This is considered one of the greatest victories ever won in the progress of the town.

The guest speakers—Mrs. Byars, Mrs. B. D. Casey, and Miss Emma Leachman—each brought us great and helpful messages at the state W. M. U. Convention.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. Where in the Old Testament will you find a priest who had seven daughters, one of whom became the wife of Moses? Can you name the priest and the girl?

2. In the Song of Solomon (chapter 1, verse 5), the king refers to "the tents of Kedar" and also describes himself. How did he describe himself and what did "Kedar" mean?

3. Can you name the wife of Heber, the Kenite, and the name of the Canaanite whom she killed by driving a nail into his temple.

4. Why was Uzzah, the son of Abinadab, stricken dead while he and his brother (Ahio) were moving the "Ark of God" to the house of David?

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for May 7

PAUL CROSSES INTO EUROPE
Acts 15:36 to 16:40; Epistle to the Philippians

Starting with Silas from Antioch in Syria on his second missionary journey, Paul revisited the missions in Asia Minor. Attended from Lystra by Timothy, Paul proceeded westward, contrary to plan but under impulse of the Spirit to the seaport city of Troas. Here Luke joined the party and the "man of Macedonia" summoned them to Europe. They responded at once, and so planted at Philippi about A. D. 50 the first church on that continent.

Lesson Outline

Acts 16:13-15; Philippians 3:7-14
I. Conversion of Lydia (Acts 16).
II. Letter from Paul (Philippians 3).

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The ministry at Philippi was featured in its beginnings with the conversion of Lydia. She was an Asiatic who may have been a widow; native of Thyatira; a business woman heading her own concern, or European agent for a firm in her home city; dealer in purple-dyed stuffs and garments made from them, but probably not a dyer or manufacturer of dyes; and evidently prominent and prosperous in Philippi. Sketch her religious experience. As a "God-fearer" she revered God; and so was not a pagan but a proselyte to the Jewish faith. She believed her Bible (the Old Testament). She kept the Sabbath. Philippi having no synagogue, she attended the place of prayer which may have been a shaded spot or rocky ravine or a walled enclosure close to the water's edge for purposes of purification. She was associated with (perhaps led) others in worship. She listened attentively to the missionaries (Paul and his associates) who joined in the service. She experienced an inner change when the Lord touched and transformed her heart. She, therefore, gave heed to the message of Paul which called for repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Upon her profession of faith she was baptized probably at once and there in the river. She led to Christ her household (probably her employees and possibly also her children, the term applying to either or both and to all servants and slaves) and they, too, accepted Christ and obeyed Him in baptism. At once she proved herself faithful to the Lord. She invited the missionaries to be her guests, being able to care well for the entire party. Upon her insistence they accepted her hospitality and support as they continued their evangelistic campaign in the city. And when Paul and Silas emerged from the jail, they went to the home of Lydia for a farewell meeting with the church. No doubt Lydia was a liberal and influential member of the church that received from Paul the happiest

of all his letters.

2. The message to the Philippians centered in the person of Christ as both model and master even as he is chief inspiration to everyone who is pressing toward the Christian goal. Ten great ideals were before the apostle, and every one of them centered in Christ: (1) There was the ideal of possession; he valued Christ as worth infinitely more than all worldly gains. (2) There was the ideal of knowledge; he considered the knowledge of Christ as the only knowledge worth having. (3) There was the ideal of righteousness; he could have a whiter soul by faith in Christ than by the strictest deeds of the law. (4) There was the ideal of power; no power is equal to that of Christ's resurrection. (5) There was the ideal of fellowship; sympathy with the suffering Christ is the deepest of all sympathy. (6) There was the ideal of sacrifice; to be conformed to Christ's death means self-crucifixion and life surrender. (7) There was the ideal of perfection; the flying goal beckons onward but remains ever ahead. (8) There was the ideal of activity; "I press on" (AVS) says he with eager urge. (9) There was the ideal of reward; the eternal prize hangs in the heaven ahead. And (10) there was the ideal of influence; others share the same mind, and walk by the same rule as all together seek to imitate Christ.

The Lesson of the Lesson

Christ the Goal of a Good Life

(1) **Christ the Goal of Love.** "What things were gain . . . I counted loss for Christ." Paul loved Christ more than anybody or anything else. His goal was not gold but God. His loyalty would endure any loss without regret. Indeed, the exchange was a good investment, turning human gain into loss for Christ, and gaining infinitely thereby.

(2) **Christ the Goal of Knowledge.** "The excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." To know Christ is the highest knowledge. To have Christ's knowledge in the truth He taught and teaches is to have the knowledge most worth while. To know about Christ even is better than to know about all others who ever lived.

(3) **Christ the Goal of Righteousness.** "The righteousness which is of God by faith." We have no righteousness of our own. We cannot do anything that will earn the favor of God. But Christ has done it all. By faith in Him we can get the righteousness which is from God. And we can get it in no other way.

(4) **Christ the Goal of Power.** "The power of His resurrection." The culminating triumph of Jesus on earth was His victory over death. It proved that nothing is impossible to Him. Whatever power we have or can get must be had or gotten from Him. And He is ready to grant it unto us at any time that our faith can lay hold upon it.

(5) **Christ the Goal of Fellowship.** "The fellowship of His suffering." Is there a finer fellowship than the fellowship of joy? There is; and it is the fellowship of suffering. We are not in full sympathy with Christ until we have followed Him to Gethsemane and Calvary and felt something of His pain and glory.

(6) **Christ the Goal of Hope.** "Might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Without Him we have no outlook beyond the grave except into the blackness of darkness. But in Him who became the "firstfruits of them



REV. W. R. STORIE

ITTA BENA PASTOR ENTERS SIXTH YEAR

W. R. Storie, pastor of the Baptist Church at Itta Bena, and member of the Mississippi Baptist State Board has begun his sixth year of service.

Officers of the church report continuous progress and a steady growth has characterized the ministry of their pastor. Listed among the accomplishments for the five-year period are, more than 150 additions to the membership, two young men licensed to the ministry have been ordained by the church. Five new deacons have been ordained, and a church library established.

As an enlistment agency the church has established two mission stations, one of which has become self-supporting and occupies its own building.

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that slept," we can experience, not only the salvation of the soul, but also anticipate likewise the redemption of the body. And our resurrection bodies will be like unto His glorious body which ascended from Olivet.

(7) **Christ the Goal of Effort.** "The prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We have the upward call of God. It has come to us in Christ Jesus, being through His grace and guaranteeing His power. We pursue the upward path realizing that there is reward at the end of the journey. And Christ Himself will be the reward. Let us so run that we may attain.

Gold in the Golden Text

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14.

Christ Jesus is uppermost. The call of God to salvation and service comes from Him. For all who heed that high call, there will be the prize of heavenly reward. With that goal in view there is every incentive to run with diligence and patience the race that is set before us.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PAPERS CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

At the Baltimore Convention, in 1940, the editors of the eighteen State Baptist papers requested the Convention to appoint a committee to work jointly with the editors and committees of the respective State Conventions in promoting the circulation of our state Baptist papers. The total circulation of the eighteen state Baptist papers in 1940 amounted to 190,683.

A meeting of our committee was held a few days following the Baltimore Convention, at which time it was unanimously agreed that we should undertake a goal of 500,000 total circulation of the eighteen state Baptist papers by the centennial session in 1945. Heartening cooperation was given by state and south-wide leaders, by pastors and by laymen, and at the beginning of 1943 we had seen the total circulation grow from 190,683 to 334,927.

On March 23, 1944, the total circulation was 459,052.

The Alabama Baptist	22,031
Arizona Baptist Beacon	1,600
Arkansas Baptist	17,600
Florida Baptist Witness	17,000
Georgia Christian Index	29,728
The Illinois Baptist	8,500
Kentucky Western Recorder	30,771
Louisiana Baptist Message	19,700
Maryland Baptist	2,000
Mississippi Baptist Record	40,763
Missouri Word and Way	14,500
Baptist New Mexican	6,500
N. Carolina Biblical Recorder	25,243
Oklahoma Baptist Messenger	31,200
S. Carolina Baptist Courier	36,565
Tenn. Baptist and Reflector	27,551
Texas Baptist Standard	116,000
Virginia Religious Herald	11,800
Total	459,052

Our committee desires to thank all who have shared in making possible this great achievement in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

LOUIE D. NEWTON, Chairman.

have increased four-fold, with more than \$20,000 raised for all causes during the five-year period. This has enabled the church to liquidate its entire debt on parsonage and church building.

Pastor Storie, an earnest and energetic minister, has endeared himself to the entire community and has shown a spirit of cooperation in all religious and civic movements for the betterment of the town and county.

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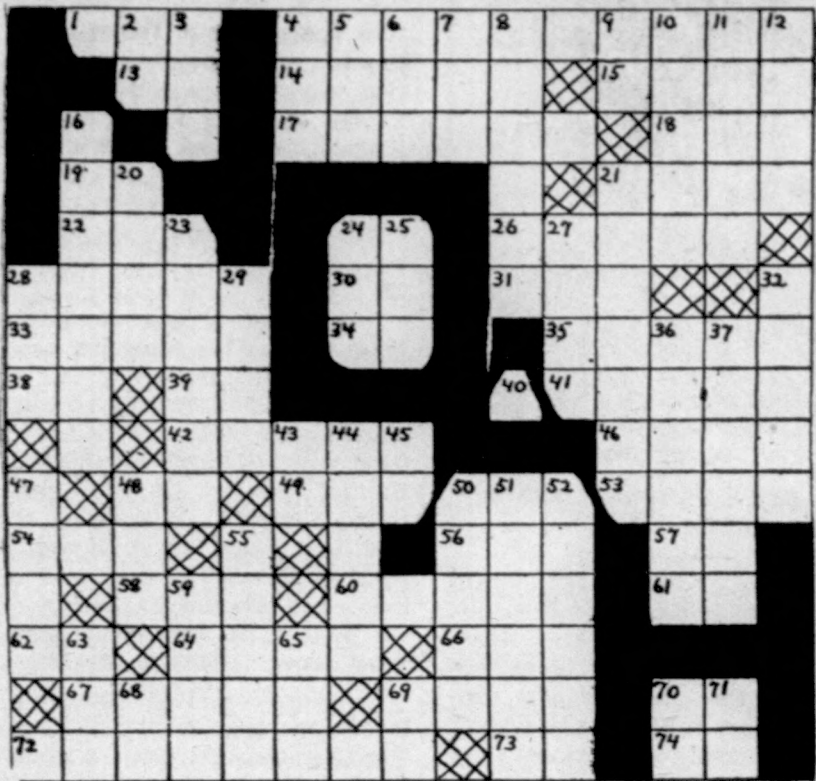
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ACROSS

- 1 "Make thee an . . ." Gen. 6:14.
- 4 Material of 1 across (two words).
- 13 "Joshua burnt . . ." Josh. 8:28.
- 14 Great Sea.
- 15 Combining form meaning "oil."
- 17 It faced those outside the ark.
- 18 Artificial language.
- 19 Since.
- 21 Avouch.
- 22 Greek letter.
- 24 Exclamation.
- 26 Grandson of Noah, Gen. 10:2.
- 28 Large walking fish of India.
- 30 Preposition.
- 31 Sweet potato.
- 33 Arboreal mammal.
- 34 Pronoun.
- 35 Mountain ash.
- 38 Pronoun.
- 39 Egyptian deity.
- 40 "... will destroy them."
- 41 Clips.
- 42 Ejects.
- 46 Within.
- 48 Part of "be."
- 49 "I do set my . . . in the cloud."
- 50 Pouch.
- 53 Gulf between Arabia and Africa.
- 54 Melody.
- 56 Epoch.
- 57 Conjunction.
- 58 Feminine proper name.
- 60 Vein of feldspathic rock.
- 61 West Africa.
- 62 Part of the Bible.
- 64 "make them as a fiery . . ."
- 66 Son of Gad, Gen. 46:16.
- 67 "and his sons' . . . with him."
- 69 A covenant signer, Neh. 10:26.
- 70 Noah's age then (Rom. num.).
- 72 "And I will remember my . . ."
- 73 Tellurium.
- 74 Number of days of rain (Rom. num.).

DOWN

- 2 Rain begins this way.
- 3 Noah's family were this.
- 4 Sender of the flood.
- 5 Wood sorrel.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



- 6 "the . . . of a ready writer."
- 7 Old Testament book.
- 8 Spirit.
- 9 Misery.
- 10 "in her mouth was an . . . leaf."
- 11 German botanist.
- 12 Set in the side of the ark.
- 16 Son of Noah.
- 20 Another son of Noah.
- 21 Pungent gaseous compound.
- 23 Hardens.
- 24 Son of Noah.
- 25 Consumed.
- 27 Used on a boat, but not on the ark.
- 28 One more than the last Psalm.
- 29 Country near Palestine, Num. 23:7.
- 32 English navigator; town in Maine.
- 36 "Noah opened the . . . of the ark."
- 37 Old order including spiders.
- 43 In the same place.
- 44 "the . . . of the covenant."
- 45 South Wales.
- 47 "the . . . was upon the earth."
- 48 One of David's officers, 2 Sam 20:26.
- 50 "he stayed yet other . . . days."
- 51 Resting place of the ark.
- 52 Dog.
- 55 "And he sent forth a . . ."
- 59 "Also he sent forth a . . ."
- 63 "of all flesh, . . . of every sort."
- 65 Even the sea is troubled.
- 68 Roman numeral.
- 69 Preposition.
- 70 510.
- 71 Days the water prevailed (Rom. num.).

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TWENTY-FIVE ASSOCIATIONS LEAD

We herewith present a list of associations showing the number of churches in each, which, according to our records, did NOT give one penny to the causes of Christ beyond the local church for 1943. We are delighted that the first twenty-five associations listed have a 100 per cent record in this column. These represent more than one-third of the total number of Mississippi Baptist associations. What these twenty-five have done, the other fifty-six may do. Let us make it true in 1944—100 per cent participation in all His work!

Number Churches in Each Association Not Giving Anything Beyond Local Causes in 1943

I		IV	
1. Bolivar	0	1. Jasper	3
2. DeSoto	0	2. Marion	3
3. George	0	3. Simpson	3
4. Grenada	0	4. Union County	3
5. Gulf Coast	0	5. Zion	3
6. Hinds-Warren	0	V	
7. Jackson	0	1. Choctaw	4
8. Jeff Davis	0	2. Kemper	4
9. Jones	0	3. Lee	4
10. Lawrence	0	4. Scott	4
11. Leflore	0	5. Tate	4
12. Liberty	0	6. Winston	4
13. Neshoba	0	VI	
14. Newton	0	1. Calhoun	5
15. Oktibbeha	0	2. Carroll	5
16. Pearl River	0	3. Holmes	5
17. Pike	0	4. Itawamba	5
18. Prentiss	0	5. Perry	5
19. Rankin	0	6. Pontotoc	5
20. Riverside	0	VII	
21. Tallahatchie	0	1. Attala	6
22. Union	0	2. Smith	6
23. Walthall	0	VIII	
24. Yalobusha	0	1. New Choctaw	7
25. Yazoo	0	2. Tippah	7
II		IX	
1. Adams-Franklin	1	1. Montgomery	8
2. Clay	1	X	
3. Columbus	1	1. Tishomingo	9
4. Covington	1		
5. Lebanon	1		
6. Lincoln	1		
7. Noxubee	1		
8. Sunflower	1		
III			
1. Alcorn	2		
2. Benton	2		
3. Chickasaw	2		
4. Clarke	2		
5. Copiah	2		
6. Deer Creek	2		

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MISSISSIPPIANS PROMINENT AT BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Commencement exercises at the Baptist Bible Institute were held in Managan Chapel on Tuesday, April 25. Among the 51 graduates, there was a large number of Mississippians and pastors of Mississippi churches.

The following is a list of the graduates:

Doctor of Theology—Maurice John Anderson, Thomas J. Delaughter, G. Earl Guinn, William Lamar Sewell (Miss.).

Master of Theology—Elton Barlow (Miss.); Jesse Laney Boyd, Jr., (Miss.); Edgar Waters Bryan (Miss.); Jordan Lewis Grant, Jr., Charles Edwin Hood, Jr., Clint Louis Irwin, Milton Curtis Kelley, James Hardee Kennedy (Miss.); Arthur Alexander Nelson (Miss.); Farrell Edward Runyan, Lemuel Edward Smith (Miss.); Fred Cecil Tuttle, John D. W. Watts, Ralph L. West (pastor at Pachuta, from S. C.); Helen Toleda Wilson.

Master of Christian Training—Grady C. Cothen (Miss.); Mary Freda Cowan, Alcia May Pettigrew Jowers, Emma Weatherly.

Bachelor of Theology—T. A. Chandler, Robert S. Cooper, J. Wendell Finkell, Jr., John Ivan Kizer, G. Lee McIntyre (pastor at Brooksville, from N. C.); J. Wauford Parham, L. Gordon Sansing (Miss.); M. Glenn Smith (Miss.); Marshall Lamar Smith, Jr., Belton Milford Vaughn (Mississippi pastor from S. C.).

Bachelor of Christian Training—Mary Cole Irwin.

Diplomas

Diploma in Christian Training—Two-Year Course in English Bible—William Louis Hendricks, Huey Latham, Broadus H. Matthews, Raymond Sjolander, James Gilbert Speake, Thurman B. Stone.

Diploma in Christian Training—Two-Year Course in Religious Education—Betty Cothen (Miss.; Mrs. Grady); Harvin R. Haire, Henry A. Privette.

Diploma in Christian Training—Two-Year Course in Missionary Education—Marjorie Elizabeth Platt.

Certificates—Daniel Travis Brown, Catherine Andrews Chandler, Reeves C. Cline, Abalean C. Haire, George E. Johnson, Nellie Savannah Johnson, Annie Goss Nelson (Miss.; Mrs. A. A.); Hua Norene Speake.

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"God gives us friends, and that means much; but far above all others the greatest of His gifts to earth was when He thought of mothers." In honor to your mother who is now living, or in loving memory of your mother who has passed away, memorialize her by making a gift to the children of the Baptist Orphanage.

To the glory of God, in the past two revivals, upon the double invitation to accept Christ as Savior or to come into the church upon transfer of membership, there were 759 conversions and addition in the New Albany area, and 1,252 conversions and additions in the Clarksdale area. In the twelve weeks, the six two-weeks of this Mississippi for Christ crusade, there were 6,374 conversions and additions. The Mississippi Baptist Convention, as well as many individual churches in cities of the state, have arranged for Appelman to come back in 1946.

Rev. Clarence C. Koskie, East Mississippi Junior College, is a young ministerial student who is available for non-resident work in East Mississippi.



Bougainville Sermon—Regimental Chaplain Joseph A. Rabun delivers a sermon from the altar of the first chapel on Bougainville to the Marines who built it. The altar, so close to

the front lines that it was surrounded by barbed wire entanglements, was decorated with natural palm leaves of nearby trees. Lieutenant Rabun formerly was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Montezuma, Ga.

ANTHEMS

It has been asserted that the anthem is peculiarly and characteristically an English form of musical composition. For the most part the words of anthems, from the days of Queen Elizabeth to the so-called Reformation, were taken from the Scriptures or the Book of Common Prayer.

More recently composers have used the words of hymns as texts. It is no exaggeration to say that every leading composer of both England and America has contributed to this latter style. The use of quartet choirs, particularly in America, has led to a lighter character of music compared with the earlier musical settings of Scriptural texts. It frequently occurs that writers introduce stanzas or parts of hymns into their compositions. . . .

Musical history is constantly teaching us that many musically effective compositions fail of permanent popularity by being allied to worthless, defective or indifferent words. Pastors cannot escape their responsibility to see to it that choirs sing only worthy texts. Anthems (or hymns) that are weak in thought, unscriptural or at variance with the sermon or the spirit of the occasion of worship, should never be used simply for the music. To make a melody that is acceptable to God demands a careful supervision and selection of the text as well as the music (Eph. 5:19), (Col. 3:16,17).—E. O. Sellers, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 12.

1. (Seven daughters): The name of the man who had seven daughters was Jethro, the priest of Midian, and the girl who became the wife of Moses was Zipporah.

2. (The tents of Kedar): When Solomon referred to "the tents of Kedar" he used the Bible name which meant Bedouins of the desert. He described himself as black, etc., (see Sor[; of Solomon 1:5).

3. (Wife of Kedar): Her name was Jael, and the Canaanite's name was Sisera. When she killed him by driving a nail through his temple, she broke the peace between Jabin, the king of Hazor, and Heber the Kenite (Judges 4:17).

4. (Reason for Uzzah's death): While the "Ark of God" was being moved from Kirjathjearim to Jerusalem (or the city of David), by Uzzah and his brother Ahio, they had to pass the threshing floor of Nacon. Here the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah put forth his hand to prevent the sacred symbol (the ark) from falling. This action brought anger from the Lord, and he was stricken dead.

PEOPLE URGED NOW TO PLAN FOR CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION OF WAR'S END

An urgent plea to churches over the country to begin now to prepare for a Christian observance of the cessation of hostilities has been issued. In response to a growing conviction on the part of church people everywhere that a religious note should be predominant in the celebration, the Executive Committee of the Federal Council has authorized its Department of Evangelism to work out plans for a nation-wide observance which can be adapted for use by local communities.

The following recommendations are made:

1—That the churches in each community request the civic leaders to hold, where possible, a mass meeting for the entire community and that the religious emphasis be given special prominence on the program;

2—That the churches, in addition to any civic celebration sponsored by the government officials, plan for religious services. Such an observance of the cessation of hostilities by the churches should be characterized by prayers of thanksgiving, intercessory prayers for our armed forces, the suffering, homeless and hungry of the world, and prayers of dedication to the unfinished tasks that lie ahead;

3—That the churches in some communities may desire to hold a twenty-four hour vigil of prayers, beginning at a time determined by our government and continuing thereafter for twenty-four hours. If this plan is decided upon, a different leader should be provided for one or two hour periods and the people invited to come and go as they wish. The churches of other communities may desire to hold a five or six hour service with a different leader for each hour. Churches in still other communities may wish to hold one united service for about one hour in length.

It is pointed out that two observances should be planned: one at the cessation of hostilities in Europe and the other at the end of the war in the Pacific.

lished as a news item only. Gambling of any kind is wrong.)

MINISTER ADVOCATES MAKING GAMBLING LEGAL

Rock Island, Ill.—(RNS)—Legalizing gambling and collecting 95 per cent of the profits in taxes was advocated here by the Rev. Edward Williams, Presbyterian pastor and member of the law enforcement committee of the Rock Island County Council of Churches which has been investigating gambling conditions in the county for a number of weeks.

In support of his proposal, the minister stated that the federal government is now collecting taxes from a device that Illinois considers gambling. While not mentioning the device by name, it was obvious that he had in mind slot machines, which are taxed heavily by the federal government but which are specifically mentioned in Illinois law books as gambling devices.

"The gambling problem is a national problem—a patriotic as well as a moral problem," the minister said. "We have a situation in which the federal government and conflicting laws contribute to gross irregularity. "You have a national government taxing that which a man can be imprisoned for operating. A device that is recognized as illegal is legalized by the federal government for taxation purposes.

"I say legalize gambling and collect 95 per cent of the profits and you'll have solved the problem."

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EVANGELICALS STRESS RIGHT OF PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES TO PROMOTE WORK IN LATIN AMERICA

(By Religious News Service)

Columbus, Ohio—A petition stressing the right of Protestant missionaries "to promote their work" in Latin America was sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull at the closing session here of the second annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. The association was organized to bring together conservatives in Protestantism and has an enrollment of 775,000 members.

Asserting that "inasmuch as the Roman Catholic Church, by public and private means of expression, is seeking to create an autocratic religion monopoly in Latin America," the petition to Secretary Hull said:

"We respectfully submit to you as the Secretary of State of these United States our most earnest petition to maintain the historic policy of our nation regarding religious liberty, and the right of Evangelical Christianity to propagate its faith throughout the world, and that full permission (by the issuance of passports, etc.) be continued to Protestant missions to promote their work in Latin America."

Registered delegates at the convention numbered about 700. Those in attendance expressed themselves well pleased with the association's first

year. Promotional work for a continued increase in members is planned for the coming year.

No statement on the organization's attitude toward the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, such as had been advocated by Dr. H. J. Ockenga in a pre-convention meeting, was submitted. Leaders said that there had been informal discussion in committee meetings of the advisability of formulating such a statement and the consensus was that it was better for the organization to concentrate on the furthering of its own objectives.

The convention adopted a report of the policy committee which called for measures to increase religious fervor throughout the nation, and urged the establishment of a new national Sunday school movement, a uniform series of Sunday school lessons, and the "taking of means to safeguard the interests of evangelical students in connection with the draft."

"Through the leadership of the National Association of Evangelicals, evangelical forces can be united to work for revival," declared Dr. L. R. Marston, Greenville, Ill., bishop of the Free Methodist Church, who was unanimously elected president for the coming year.

Other officers elected were: Dr. R. L. Decker, Kansas City, Mo., first vice president; Dr. L. Alvin Orr, Due West, S. C., second vice president; J.

CHURCH RECEIVES LETTER FROM MEMBER OVERSEAS

Leaf River church has received a reply to a letter sent to one of their boys who is overseas, and below we print some paragraphs from it:

"I received your letter today and I was very glad to know that the Christian people are always thinking of us, and praying to God for us. We know that every good and perfect gift comes from God. I am glad I can claim Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as my personal Savior. I hope we can soon be together again and worship our Lord. Pray for us that we may always have the guidance of God.—Rhue Vaughn."

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The following letter to the editor will be self-explanatory: "My attention was drawn to a recent article regarding churches praying for pastors. I know a minister who is praying for a field. He has a junior college education and has had some seminary work, and an abundance of private Bible study. He has one desire, to build up a country church into a full-time field. He preaches the word without wandering into story telling and clings closely to Baptist doctrines. A church desiring a pastor not interested in worldly things should get in touch with him. —A Friend." (The editor will keep the address if any should seek information regarding this.)

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CHAPLAIN MCKNIGHT RECEIVES PROMOTION

Chaplain Alvie McKnight, a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary at Louisville, has been appointed as assistant commandant and director of training of the Chaplains' School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. He has the rank of Major. He is one of the outstanding Southern Baptist chaplains. His service always magnified Christ, according to a fellow worker, Transport Chaplain William P. Davis, and his promotion is deserved after an excellent record of two years in the midst of jungle fighting. Mississippi friends will rejoice at the opportunity for larger service which has come to Major McKnight.

Williamson Smith, Philadelphia, secretary; and Herbert J. Taylor, Chicago, treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Parkway	496	142
Calvary Jackson	976	232
Jackson First Baptist	986	282
Gulfport First	481	143
New Albany	344	112
Summit (April 23)	170	
West Laurel	429	123
Rocky Springs (Yazoo)	17	
Enon (Panola) (April 30)	69	44
Pinola (April 30)	33	26
Louisville	405	81
Marion (Lauderdale)	51	48
Shelton (Jones)	63	47
Moselle (Jones)	53	59
Clarke-Venable	167	56
Bogue Chitto (Pike)	91	103
Brookhaven	585	169
Watts Memorial	389	109
Watts Memorial (April 23)	400	68
Crystal Springs	416	110
Olive Branch	83	37
Ellistown (Union)	155	58
Center (Union)	71	63
New Fellowship (Jasper)	53	
Rocky Creek (Geo/ge)	131	46
Luce Mission (George)	43	

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God has graciously blessed the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, Miss., with one of the greatest revivals in its history. Pastor C. W. Thompson did the preaching. Evangelistic singer Robert Cooper led the singing. There were 37 additions, 21 by baptism.—Mary Ann Holmes, clerk.

"Bobby," said the lady in the street car, severely, "why don't you get up and give your seat to your father? Doesn't it pain you to see him reaching for the strap?" "Not in a car," said Bobby. "It does at home."



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